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Grand Commandery Knights Templar
AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS
of Pennsylvania

PROCEEDINGS

of the

44th Annual Conclave

held in the

CITY OF EASTON

May 25th and 26th

1897

Being in the Year of the Order, 779

And of the Establishment in Pennsylvania, 100

R. E. SIR SAMUEL S. YOHE, R. E. Grand Commander

R. E. SIR WILLIAM W. ALLEN, E. Grand Recorder

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Forty-fourth Annual Conclave

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF PENNSYLVANIA,

EASTON,

Tuesday and Wednesday, May 25th and 26th, 1897.

GENERAL ORDERS FOR PARADE AND REVIEW.

- Sub-Com L. A. W.*
- I. The Commanderies will assemble for annual parade and review in the city of Easton, on Tuesday, May 25, 1897.
 - II. The parade will be formed in three divisions, as follows:
First Division on South Eleventh Street, right resting on Northampton Street.
Second Division on North Tenth Street, right resting on Northampton Street.
Third Division on North Eleventh Street, right resting on Northampton Street.
 - III. The Commander of each Commandery must report with his Commandery to the Marshal of the Division to which he is assigned at the place of formation of the Division promptly at 10 A. M.
 - IV. A bugle will be sounded at 10.15 A. M., when the several divisions will be formed in columns of sections.

- V. A bugle will be sounded at 10.30 A. M. precisely, when the line will move promptly in the following order : West on Northampton Street to Fourteenth Street, countermarch east on Northampton Street to Third Street, south to Ferry Street, east to Front Street, north to Northampton Street, west to Third Street, north passing the reviewing stand opposite United States Hotel to Bushkill Street west and east, and dismiss. Commanderies will return to their quarters by way of Second and Fourth Streets.
- VI. The parade will be reviewed by the Grand Officers from a reviewing stand on the east side of North Third Street, opposite the United States Hotel.
- VII. All Commanderies must pass the reviewing stand in column of sections, Officers at a salute and the Sir Knights in line at a carry.
- VIII. Any Commandery failing to be in line at the hour stated will forfeit the position assigned to it in these orders and must take position on the extreme left of the entire column.
- IX. The Chief of Staff, the Marshals of Divisions and their aids, and those accompanying the Grand Commander, will report in full Templar uniform to the Grand Commander at the United States Hotel at 9.30 A. M. to receive orders and prepare to mount.
- X. Grand Officers and Past Grand Commanders not participating in the parade, and Grand Officers from other jurisdictions, will report at the reviewing stand at 11 A. M. to assist in reviewing the parade.

E. Sir Frederick Münch is appointed to act as Chief of Staff.

By order of

Sam. V. Phe

Grand Commander.

ATTEST:



J. H. Allen

Grand Recorder.

ARRAY.

Grand Captain-General,
E. SIR JAMES B. YOUNGSON.

Chief of Staff,
E. SIR FREDERICK MÜNCH.

STAFF:

E. SIR EZRA S. BARTLETT.	E. SIR JOHN F. LAEDLEIN.
E. SIR ROBERT J. LINDEN.	E. SIR JOHN C. OWSLEY.
E. SIR CHARLES P. WALKER.	E. SIR GEORGE E. HAWK.
E. SIR SAMUEL HAMILTON.	E. SIR H. R. HENKERT.

Grand Herald,
SIR THEODORE WILLIAMSON.

Grand Standard Bearer,	Grand Captain of Guard,
E. SIR PENNEL C. EVANS.	E. SIR JOHN A. VANDERSLICE.

FIRST DIVISION.

MARSHAL:

E. SIR WILLIAM M. DONALDSON.

AIDS:

E. SIR D. MAURICE WERTZ.	E. SIR REUBEN A. ZIMMERMAN.
E. SIR J. ALDEN KNIGHT.	SIR ORVILLE D. AYERS.

Corinthian "Chasseur" Commandery, No. 53.

COMMANDERIES.

St. John's No. 4.	Cœur de Lion, No. 17.
De Molay, No. 9.	Hugh de Payens, No. 19.
Pilgrim, No. 11.	Allen, No. 20.
Northern, No. 16.	

SECOND DIVISION.

MARSHAL:

E. SIR HARRY I. MCINTIRE, JR.

AIDS:

E. SIR W. I. FLEMMING.	E. SIR GEORGE F. HAGENMAN.
E. SIR FRED. W. TYRRELL.	SIR DANIEL G. LONG.

COMMANDERIES.

Baldwin II., No. 22.	Mt. Olivet, No. 30.
Packer, No. 23.	Ivanhoe, No. 31.
Hermit, No. 24.	Hutchinson, No. 32.
Kadosh, No. 29.	

THIRD DIVISION.

MARSHAL :

E. SIR LESTER R. FROST.

AIDS :

E. SIR HEISTER S. ALBRIGHT.

E. SIR WILLIAM H. HOLLENBACK.

E. SIR B. L. KIMBALL.

SIR TITUS A. STEINER.

COMMANDERIES.

Mary, No. 36.

Chester, No. 66.

Reading, No. 42.

Melita, No. 68.

Dieu le Veut, No. 45.

Mt. Vernon, No. 73.

St. Alban, No. 47.

Shamokin, No. 77.

Kensington, No. 54.

Order of Business

TO BE OBSERVED AT THE FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CON-
CLAVE OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF
PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE HELD IN
EASTON, TUESDAY, MAY 25,
1897.

Resolutions, Motions, etc., and Reports of Committees are required to be in writing, signed by the Knight offering the same. This is necessary that the minutes may be correctly reported.

All proxies are required to conform to Section 6, page 11, and Form No. IX., page 58, of the Book of the Law of the Grand Commandery.

THE ROLL WILL BE CALLED AT OPENING OF EACH DAY'S
SESSION.

ANNUAL PARADE AND REVIEW, TUESDAY, MAY 25TH, AT
10 A. M.

Roll Call at 3 o'clock P. M.

Opening of the Grand Commandery at 3 o'clock prompt.

Minutes of the last Annual Conclave read, unless dispensed with.

Reports of Grand Officers.

New Business.

Appeals.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 9.00 o'clock A. M.

Report of Representative to Masonic Home of Pennsylvania.

Reports of Standing Committees.

On Doings of the Grand Officers.

On Dispensations and Charters.

On By-Laws.

On Finance.

On Grievances and Appeals.

On Designating the Next Place of Meeting.

On Unfinished Business.

On Mileage and Per Diem.

On Templar Jurisprudence.

On Foreign Correspondence.

On Printing and Publishing.

On Credentials.

Annual Election of Grand Officers, Wednesday, May 26, 1897, at 10 o'clock A. M.

In accordance with the Constitution, only members of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania can be present during the election, except by consent of the Grand Commandery.

The Installation of Grand Officers on Wednesday, May 26th, at 2 o'clock P. M., at the Abel Opera House.

Closing of the Grand Commandery.

Sam. V. Ashe

Grand Commander.

ATTEST:



J. M. Allen

Grand Recorder.

Forty-fourth Annual Conclave.

The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, assembled in Forty-fourth Annual Conclave in "Hep-tasoph" Hall, Easton, on Tuesday afternoon, May 25th, 1897, at 3.00 o'clock.

The Grand Recorder called the Roll of Members of the Grand Commandery, when the following were found present :

R. E. SIR SAMUEL S. YOHE, *R. E. Grand Commander.*
 V. E. SIR HARRY M. VAN ZANDT, . *V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.*
 E. SIR HENRY H. KUHN, *E. Gr. Generalissimo.*
 E. SIR JAMES B. YOUNGSON, *E. Gr. Captain General.*
 E. SIR AND REV. THOS. N. BOYLE, . *E. Gr. Prelate.*
 E. SIR ADAM H. SCHMEHL, *E. Gr. Senior Warden.*
 E. SIR THOMAS F. PENMAN, *E. Gr. Junior Warden.*
 E. SIR JOHN JAY GILROY, *E. Gr. Treasurer.*
 R. E. SIR WILLIAM W. ALLEN, . . *E. Gr. Recorder.*
 E. SIR PENNELL C. EVANS, . . . *E. Gr. Standard Bearer.*
 E. SIR JOSHUA L. LYTE, . . *acting E. Gr. Sword Bearer.*
 E. SIR EDWIN H. COANE, . . . *E. Grand Warder.*
 E. SIR JOHN A. VANDERSLICE, . . . *E. Gr. Captain of the Guard.*
 E. SIR WILLIAM J. DIEHL, *E. Gr. Marshal.*

Past Grand Commanders—R. E. SIR CHRISTIAN F. KNAPP, JOHN VAL-
 LERCHAMP, GEO. W. KENDRICK, JR., JOSEPH ALEXANDER, JR., LEE S.
 SMITH, WILLIAM W. ALLEN, JAMES H. CODDING, IRVING P. WANGER,
 EDWARD B. SPENCER.

Grand Representatives.

E. SIR FRANK M. HIGHLEY, Grand Commandery of Arizona.
 E. SIR FREDERICK MÜNCH, Grand Commandery of California.
 E. SIR CHARLES CARY, Grand Commandery of Connecticut.
 E. SIR ROBERT J. LINDEN, Grand Commandery of Indiana.
 E. SIR EZRA S. BARTLETT, Grand Commandery of Maine.
 R. E. SIR GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., Grand Commandery of Maryland.

R. E. SIR JOSEPH ALEXANDER, JR., Grand Commandery of Nebraska.
 R. E. SIR WILLIAM W. ALLEN, Grand Commandery of New Jersey.
 E. SIR WILLIAM H. DICKSON, Grand Commandery of North Carolina.
 E. SIR ISAAC ALBERTSON, Grand Commandery of North Dakota.
 R. E. SIR LEE S. SMITH, Grand Commandery of South Dakota.
 R. E. SIR JAMES H. CODDING, Grand Commandery of Washington.
 E. SIR EDWARD PERRY, Grand Commandery of West Virginia.
 E. SIR JOHN JAY GILROY, Grand Commandery of Montana.

And a Constitutional number of Commanderies.

E. Sir Knight, Hon. Howard A. Hartzell, Mayor of Easton, extended a cordial welcome to the members of the Grand Commandery and visiting Sir Knights, in the following words :

“Right Eminent Grand Commander, officers and members of the Grand Commandery of the State of Pennsylvania, I deem it a great honor to be called upon to welcome you to our city.

“You have assembled here in annual conclave for the purpose of transacting the business of the Grand Commandery, and on behalf of the citizens, I, as their chief executive, knowing well the principles of your valiant and magnanimous order, extend to you and to all of your lady and gentlemen friends, who are strangers in our midst, a most cordial and hearty welcome.

“Right Eminent Sir Yohe, you have been honored by this Grand Commandery by serving in the highest position within their power to bestow, and though distinctions among men are necessary to preserve subordination, yet this eminence of station has not made you arrogant nor made you forget that we were brethren. Your devotion to the cause has been such as to grace the high office that has been conferred upon you, by an honorable and faithful discharge of its duties, and I venture to say that among all of the illustrious fraters that have preceded you, none have been more punctual.

“It may be that in the coming years greater honors may be showered upon you. With light added to the coming light, your aspiring feet may tread, round after round, the ladder that leads to fame in our mystic circle, until you shall have become the greatest among us, and you may yet wear the insignia of the highest rank in the gift of this fraternity.

“To the world at large the order of Knights Templar might appear to be constituted for the single purpose of enjoying the festivities attendant upon the numerous pilgrimages that they make, but to those who have passed through the various gradations in the noble fraternity of Masonry, until they have been dubbed Templars, the teachings convey a far more import-

ant lesson. While it is true there are many enjoyable features connected with the ancient and honorable institution of Knights Templar, the order nevertheless is founded on the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues; and you, Grand Heralds from the north, from the south, from the east and from the west, are here to testify your belief in the cause in which you are engaged; and, by your teachings point out to the sinking voyager on life's tempestuous sea the beacon light which indicates the port to yonder land, 'where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest.'

"Again, Sir Knights, one and all, I bid you welcome; and may your short stay among us be pleasantly spent; and may the future of the order be more glorious than the past, for the cause in which we are enlisted.

"Let us be hoping ever, and praying always, for the incoming of that era which is slowly but surely approaching, when universal peace shall reign, and war shall be no more, when the reign of the Blessed Emanuel, the Prince of Peace, the great Captain of our salvation, shall become universal and eternal."

To which R. E. Sir Lee S. Smith, P. G. C., on behalf of the Grand Commandery, responded as follows:

E. Sir Howard A. Hartzell, Mayor of Easton:

If there is one virtue that predominates over others in our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Samuel S. Yohe, it is that of modesty, and he has therefore asked me to respond to your eloquent address of welcome to this Grand Commandery, extending the freedom of your city, his home, to this Grand body.

Eminent Sir, I can assure you that it is always pleasant to have the head of the Municipality in which we hold our Conclave extend a welcome, and assure us of its hospitality to our Order, but it is doubly so when that honored officer is also an eminent member of the Grand Commandery, for this fact makes his words of welcome doubly sure.

To those members of the order who have visited your city on former occasions like this, such assurance was hardly necessary, as judging by experience then, we could expect nothing less than that everything would be done that could in any manner tend to our pleasure and comfort.

I trust, Eminent Sir, that no act of any member of the Order shall cause you to regret our visit, and the royal hospitality your city has extended to us, and I also hope that you will not feel it necessary to offer the assurance once given me while on an extended tour in the Orient.

I, with a party of friends, was on the occasion referred to, seated at dinner in the city of Cairo, Egypt, after our first day of sight-seeing in that most interesting city, when a servant entered and inquiring for me, presented two cards, stating that the persons sending them were waiting in the

corridor. Upon examination of the cards I found one to be that of Shaheen Makarious, an eminent Mason of Cairo, and editor of an Arabic newspaper, while the other was the card of the Chief of Police of the city. My first thought was as to what that high official might want with me so soon after my arrival.

Upon going out I was met by the two gentlemen, and any anxieties I might have had, set at rest, when the Chief of Police, who could speak English, introduced Mr. Makarious, who could not speak our language, and for him and in behalf of members of the fraternity, extend fraternal greetings and an invitation to myself and any other Masons in the party, and our wives, to an informal reception, to be tendered us, they having recognized my position in the order, through favors conferred by this Grand Body.

But the assurance which I trust that you may not be called upon to make, was offered upon his own part in his official position, as the head of the Police department, viz.: That if any of our party should come into conflict with the native authorities or get into any trouble whatever, we should call upon him.

I am glad to report that the necessity for such a call did not arise, but at the same time, I can assure you that the knowledge of having such a friend at court in that far away land was a decided comfort and satisfaction.

And now, Eminent Sir, although you have not literally turned over to us the keys of your beautiful city of Easton, it is a far greater satisfaction to know, not only by your warm words of welcome, but by signs of hospitality everywhere shown, that you have turned over to us the city itself.

Therefore, on behalf of our Grand Commander Yohe, your fellow townsman, whom it is our delight to honor, as well as in the name of every member of this Grand Commandery, I thank you for your courteous greeting.

The R. E. Grand Commander was then pleased to open the Grand Commandery.

The Sir Knights were led in their devotions by the E. Grand Prelate.

V. E. Sir and Rev. Cornelius L. Twing, V. E. Prelate of the Grand Encampment of the United States, honored the Grand Commandery by a visit as Division Commander.

R. E. Sir John E. Rowe, R. E. Grand Commander of New Jersey, and his Staff, honored the Grand Commandery with their presence, and were warmly welcomed by the Grand Commander, which was suitably responded to by R. E. Sir Rowe.

The reading of the records of the Forty-third Annual Conclave, held May, 1896, was, upon motion, dispensed with; the same having been printed and distributed, and the records as printed were approved.

There being no objection, several Sir Knights, not in uniform, were admitted.

ANNUAL REPORT OF GRAND COMMANDER.

The R. E. Grand Commander read his Annual Report, which, upon motion, was referred to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery.

SIR KNIGHTS :

Time, moving with swift, silent steps, brings us to the close of an official term of this Grand Commandery; and we, who are still left to watch and ward, and to bear the burdens of life, must gratefully acknowledge the favor we have enjoyed and the mercy we have received from the Great Captain, before whose great power we all in reverence bow.

In the midst of slow decay around us, our Order has grown and flourished with the vigor and strength of youth; and during the past year its officers and members have sought to increase its efficiency for the performance of the philanthropic work that ever commands the best endeavors of the faithful Knight.

The following report reviews the work with particularity, and will, I trust, afford you as much pleasure in its perusal as it has given me in the preparation. The reports are designed to be of service to those who come after us, noting precedents to serve as guides for the application of our laws. In my own experience I have found the reports of my predecessors valuable lights to shine upon my pathway in seasons of doubt and

occasions of difficulty, and with the utmost diffidence I add my own to the number, modestly placing them with those of the illustrious Grand Commanders who have preceded. A résumé of the work of the year is as follows:

CONSTITUTING OF SHAMOKIN COMMANDERY.

On June 23, 1896, I visited Shamokin for the purpose of constituting Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, in accordance with warrant granted by this Grand Commandery.

I was accompanied by the Deputy Grand Commander, the Grand Prelate, Grand Senior and Grand Junior Warden, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Warder, Eminent Sir Charles Cary, acting Grand Recorder, R. E. Sir William W. Allen, Past Grand Commander, and a number of Knights.

The Asylum was consecrated to Templar use, and the Commandery duly constituted, after which the officers were installed publicly, and a very eloquent address delivered by the Grand Prelate. The Grand Officers were most hospitably entertained, and the new Commandery gave abundant evidence of becoming a useful member of this Grand body. I take pleasure in certifying to the active interest taken by them ever since, and to the efficiency of this new Commandery.

VISITATIONS.

On May 28, 1896, I visited Hugh de Payens Commandery, No. 19, Easton, upon which occasion an American flag was presented to the Commandery, making it the first Commandery to comply with the resolution adopted at Scranton.

Dec. 22, 1896. Visited St. Alban Commandery, No. 47, at Philadelphia.

January 12, 1897. Visited Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, at Shamokin.

February 11, 1897. Visited Mary Commandery, No. 36, at Philadelphia.

February 12, 1897. Visited Reading Commandery, No. 42, at Reading.

February 19, 1897. Visited St. Andrew's Commandery, No. 76, at Susquehanna.

February 22, 1897. Visited Warren Commandery, No. 64, at Warren.

February 23, 1897. Visited Franklin Commandery, No. 44, at Franklin.

February 24, 1897. Visited Mt. Olivet Commandery, No. 30, at Erie.

February 25, 1897. Visited Knapp Commandery, No. 40, at Ridgway.

February 26, 1897. Visited Moshannon Commandery, No. 74, at Phillipsburg.

March 17, 1897. Visited Hugh de Payens Commandery, No. 19, at Easton.

April 1, 1897. Visited Pilgrim Commandery, No. 11, at Harrisburg, and installed its officers.

April 15, 1897. Visited Cœur de Lion Commandery, No. 17, and Melita Commandery, No. 68, at Scranton, and installed their officers.

April 22, 1897. Visited Hugh de Payens Commandery, No. 19, at Easton, and installed its officers.

April 30, 1897. Visited Reading Commandery, No. 42, at Reading.

I was received at these visits with the kindness characteristic of our beloved Order, and I take pleasure in bearing testimony to the correctness of the Work, witnessed by me, in all the Commanderies visited.

REPRESENTATIVES.

I have, at the requests of the Grand Commanders of sister Jurisdictions, commissioned the following Sir Knights to re-

present this Grand body near other Grand Commanderies, to wit:

Virginia, August 1, 1896—Em. Sir E. L. Guy.

Florida, September 25, 1896—Em. Sir Olin S. Wright.

Mississippi, Oct. 26, 1896—Em. Sir Chas. T. Chamberlain.

Ohio, April 5, 1897—Em. Sir George W. Bechel.

And the following have been commissioned to represent other Grand bodies near the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania:

Indiana, August 18, 1896—Em. Sir Robert J. Linden.

Virginia, August 26, 1896—R. E. Sir Torrence C. Hipple.

Florida, Sept. 25, 1896—Em. Sir Frank J. Collins.

Alabama, Sept. 25, 1896—R. E. Sir Edward B. Spencer.

Montana, Sept. 25, 1896—Em. Sir John Jay Gilroy.

Mississippi, Oct. 26, 1896—R. E. Sir James H. Coddington.

APPOINTMENTS.

The Grand Treasurer, Em. Sir Isaac Albertson, having resigned, the office became vacant, and I appointed Em. Sir John Jay Gilroy as Grand Treasurer, and on August 1, 1896, I installed him into office.

The Grand Recorder, Em. Sir M. H. Smith, having resigned, that office became vacant. I therefore appointed R. E. Sir William W. Allen as Grand Recorder, and on February 13, 1897, I installed him into office.

DIVISION COMMANDERS.

I have received from the Division Commanders during the year much valuable assistance.

Their reports show that they have given attention to the bodies under their charge, thereby adding to their efficiency throughout our Jurisdiction.

INVITATIONS RECEIVED FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

On July 4, 1896, received a most courteous invitation to attend 50th Anniversary of Reed Commandery, No. 6, of Dayton, Ohio, held during session of Grand Commandery of Ohio.

On September 22, 1896, received an invitation from V. E. Sir John E. Rowe, acting Grand Commander of New Jersey, to attend Field Day at Plainfield on October 1, 1896.

On December 23, 1896, received invitation to attend reception of York Commandery, No. 55, of New York, on January 19, 1897.

January 23, 1897, received invitation to attend reception of Palestine Commandery, No. 18, of New York, on January 26, 1897.

March 29, 1897, received invitation to attend Conclave of Palestine Commandery, No. 18, of New York, on April 5, 1897, upon the occasion of the visit of M. E. Grand Master W. LaRue Thomas.

April 16, 1897, received invitation from R. E. Sir F. H. Thomas, Gr. Com., to attend Annual Inspection and Review of Grand Commandery of Washington, D. C., on May 6, 1897.

I found it impossible to accept any of these invitations, except that of Palestine Commandery, No. 18, of New York, on April 5, 1897. The Grand Master Most Eminent Sir Warren LaRue Thomas, accompanied by his staff, was present, and a very enjoyable conclave was held.

DISPENSATIONS.

I granted dispensations as follows :

To appear in full Templar Uniform.

Sept. 29, 1896, to Potter Commandery, No. 69, to act as escort at the burial of a Knight by his Lodge.

Nov. 30, 1896, to Wyoming Valley Commandery, No. 57, to hold Reception on Dec. 15, 1896.

Dec. 17, 1896, to Trinity Commandery, No. 58, to attend Divine Service on Dec. 25, 1896.

Feb. 3, 1897, to Reading Commandery, No. 42, at Reception of Hugh de Payens Commandery, No. 19, on Feb. 12, 1897.

Feb. 3, 1897, to Hugh de Payens Commandery, No. 19, at Reception by Reading Commandery, No. 42, on Feb. 12, 1897.

March 23, 1897, to all Commanderies to attend Divine Service on Good Friday and on Ascension Day.

March 30, 1897, to Uniontown Commandery, No. 49, to install officers at Opera House on April 22, 1897.

April 3, 1897, to Philadelphia Commandery, No. 2; St. John Commandery, No. 4; Kadosh Commandery, No. 29; Mary Commandery, No. 36; St. Alban Commandery, No. 47; Corinthian Chasseur Commandery, No. 53; Kensington Commandery, No. 54, and Pennsylvania Commandery, No. 70, to install officers at Academy of Music on April 20, 1897.

April 3, 1897, to Reading Commandery, No. 42, to install officers and dedicate banner at Academy of Music on April 30, 1897.

April 6, 1897, to Temple Commandery, No. 60, to install officers publicly on April 20, 1897.

April 22, 1897, to Trinity Commandery, No. 58, to hold Reception on May 11, 1897.

April 29, 1897, to Division, No. 2, to attend Conclave of Grand Commandery of West Virginia at Wheeling, on May 12th.

Sept. 8, 1896, at the request of R. E. Sir Horace A. Noble, Grand Commander of New York, I waived jurisdiction to enable St. Omer Commandery, No. 19, of Elmira, New York, to receive and act upon the petition of Companion James N. Patterson for Orders and membership, Tyagaghton Commandery, No. 28, consenting.

Oct. 5, 1896, at the request of the Grand Commander of Maryland, I waived jurisdiction, to enable Antioch Commandery, No. 6, of Cumberland, Maryland, to receive and act upon the petitions of Companions George J. Hibler and S. J. Noel for Orders and membership, Oriental Commandery, No. 61, consenting.

Dec. 26, 1896, granted dispensation to St. Andrew's Commandery, No. 76, to confer the Order of Malta upon Sir Knights therein named, not members of St. Andrew's Commandery, and directed that their action hereunder be certified to the Grand Recorder.

Feb. 16, 1897, at the request of the Grand Commander of Maryland, I waived jurisdiction to enable Antioch Commandery, No. 6, of Cumberland, Maryland, to receive and act upon the petition of Companion Clifford D. Curtis for Orders and membership, Oriental Commandery, No. 61, consenting.

March 6, 1897, granted dispensation to Pittsburgh Commandery, No. 1, to confer the Order of Malta upon Sir Knights therein named, not members of Pittsburgh Commandery, and directed that their action hereunder be certified to the Grand Recorder.

June 15, 1896, I requested the Grand Commander of New York to grant permission to St. John Commandery, No. 24, of Olean, New York, to confer the Orders upon Companion Thomas T. McCoy, an approved applicant of Allegheny Commandery, No. 35, of this Jurisdiction, and to direct that a return be made of the action had (if any) by virtue of such permission.

Feb. 15, 1897, at the request of Mary Commandery, No. 36, I requested the Grand Commander of New York to grant permission to Mary Commandery to act upon the petition of Companion James M. Stevenson who, while a resident of Brooklyn, N. Y., made application for Orders in Clinton Com-

mandery, No. 14, of that City. Upon investigation it appeared that the petition had never been presented, and the Companion being now a resident of Philadelphia, no objection existed to the petition being received by Mary Commandery.

March 23, 1897, granted dispensation to Moshannoa Commandery, No. 74, to confer the Order of Malta on Sir Amos Frank Stauffer, a member of Tyagaghton Commandery, No. 28, action to be certified to the Grand Recorder.

May 3, 1897, granted dispensation to St. Alban Commandery, No. 47, to ballot upon the petition of Companion Francis J. Stein, at Conclave, to be held May 20, 1897, for the reason that the petition was received by the Commandery at its stated Conclave on April 27, 1897, and in accordance with its by-laws the next stated Conclave takes place on the third Thursday (May 20, 1897), instead of fourth Tuesday by reason of the Conclave of the Grand Commandery being held at that time.

I refused dispensations to appear in Templar uniform.

To Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, to attend Divine Service on Sunday.

To Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, to attend Divine Service on Sunday.

DECISIONS.

Question. What is the size of United States flag to be carried by Commanderies, in accordance with resolution adopted by the Grand Commandery?

Answer. The resolution contemplates the United States regulation flag, the size of which is 52 x 66 inches. It is therefore ordered that the size of flag shall be 52 x 66 inches.

Question. On March 13, 1896, Reading Commandery, No. 42, adopted a resolution directing the Recorder to issue summons to members in arrears for dues for two or more years. A week later the delinquents were summoned. The record

shows that on "April 10, 1896, Sir Knight E—— being in arrears for dues to the Commandery, and having been duly notified thereof, was, on motion duly made and seconded, suspended from membership. On the same evening the suspension of Sir Knight E—— was reconsidered by resolution to lay over one month and summon him again." This was done about April 20, 1896. On May 8, 1896, Sir Knight E—— was suspended from membership for non-payment of dues, he having been summoned as per resolution above.

The Recorder makes a statement that Sir Knight E—— had been in the West and did not receive the summons until after May 8, 1896, at which time he received notice of his suspension. Some correspondence followed, in which Sir Knight E—— produced a check and receipt, of which the following are copies :

No. 77

LEBANON, PA., May 8th, 1895.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

Pay to Reading Commandery or Order Nine $\frac{1}{100}$ Dollars.
\$9.00

Check signed by Sir Knight E——.
And endorsed by the (then) Recorder of Reading Commandery.

Also the following Receipt, which is unsigned :

READING, PA., May 10, 1895.

Received from Sir Knight T—— E—— the sum of Six $\frac{1}{100}$ Dollars, being the dues to Reading Commandery, No 42, Knights Templar, to May 1st, 189 .

\$6.00

9.00 Paid

——.
\$3.00 Cr.

Was the member properly suspended, and must he petition for membership?

Answer. The Commandery acted in good faith but the record clearly shows that Sir Knight E—— was not in default, and he certainly should be protected. The action of the Commandery is therefore declared to be null and void.

Question. To whom does the Treasurer of a Subordinate Commandery give his bond?

Answer. In the absence of any by-law of the Commandery upon the subject, the Commandery should be governed by the Grand Commandery regulation. The Treasurer should give bond to the Eminent Commander.

Question. A Sir Knight formerly of Great Bend Commandery, holding a dimit from same and residing in Elmira, New York, wishes to petition for membership in St. Andrew's Commandery. Is it necessary to first obtain consent of St. Omer Commandery of Elmira, N. Y., before acting upon petition?

Answer. In proceedings of Grand Encampment of the United States, 1895, Grand Master McCurdy passed upon the question and decided, "An unaffiliated Knight Templar can apply for affiliation only in the Grand Jurisdiction where he resides." That being the law of the Grand Encampment it is binding upon us, and the petition of the Sir Knight cannot be received by you, so long as he resides outside the Jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery.

Question. Can the Generalissimo issue summons to attend a funeral in full Templar uniform?

Answer. Summons improper. Members cannot be compelled to attend a funeral.

Question. Comp. J. A. M., petitioned Allegheny Commandery, No. 35, March 22, 1895, was rejected April 26, 1895. Petitioned second time Nov. 22, 1895. A committee as usual was appointed and never reported, and no action taken in the case. Oct. 23—a third petition presented.

The Eminent Commander refused to accept it, for the reason that the legal time had not expired, and said, "There is no limit in the law (that I can find) which specifies time a Committee can hold a petition without report."

Answer. There is no question about the first and second petitions. Book of the Law, page 29, Sections 97 and 98. This applicant was not twice rejected, therefore there was no necessity for a third petition. The question then is upon the second petition and the action of the Committee. I am at a loss to know what right the Committee has to hold the petition for a period of eleven months, without making a report to the Commandery, nor can I understand why a longer time than two months should be taken. That should be ample time to report upon any petition, and the Committee that occupies more time, should be discharged, and a Committee that will give the matter some attention, appointed. It is not fair to the applicant, or to the Commandery to have a Committee pigeon hole a petition and tie it up indefinitely; two months is ample time to ascertain the fitness of any applicant for Orders and membership. It is therefore ordered: That the Eminent Commander discharge the Committee appointed upon the petition of J. A. M., on Nov. 22, 1895, and appoint a new Committee, and upon report of said Committee, a ballot be taken upon the petition of J. A. M., presented Nov. 22, 1895. The matter of third petition, can of course only arise after disposal of the second petition.

Question. C. M. J., an applicant for Orders and membership in Mountain Commandery, No. 10, was rejected, after which he removed to Harrisburg, and on May 26, 1896, presented a second petition. Mountain Commandery notified Pilgrim Commandery, No. 11, asking if there was any Templar objection; receiving no reply, on June 20, 1896, Mountain Commandery again notified Pilgrim Commandery that the Eminent

nent Commander had decided to ballot upon the applicant, as he was a rejected applicant in that Commandery, which was done, and the Orders conferred. Pilgrim Commandery, on Sept. 4, 1896, applies for a decision upon the question.

Answer. You will find in the Book of the Law under Title XXXIV, Section 5, page 193, what applies to this case. "A rejected candidate cannot apply to another Commandery, without the consent, by a unanimous vote, of the one by which he was rejected."

Question. Sir Knight F. N. F., resigned his membership in the Commandery, which resignation was certified to the Grand Recorder. No dimit issued because the proper officers had failed to sign it. He now desires to withdraw his resignation and retain his membership. Can the Grand Recorder erase or correct that part of the returns referring to his withdrawal?

Answer. "A member of a Commandery may receive a dimit without a vote of the Commandery, at a stated conclave upon request made in open Commandery, Provided his dues shall have been paid and no charges are pending against him. And this severs the membership, whether a certificate issues or not." Book of the Law, Title XVIII, Section 1, page 180. You will see by above that the return cannot be corrected or erased. Your only course is to proceed by petition.

Question. Do the officers of a Commandery take charge as soon as installed, or on May 1st?

Answer. The Templar year begins May 1st. Officers may be installed at any time after election, on or before May 1st, but serve only from May 1st to May 1st. Should a Commandery by neglect or otherwise, not install its officers before that time the officers hold over until successors are installed.

Question. Can a Commandery remit a member's dues?

Answer. A Commandery may remit the dues of a member

by a majority vote, acting upon each case separately. This was acted upon by the Grand Commandery in 1890.

Question. When is a Commandery liable for dues to the Grand Commandery upon a new member?

Answer. The dues of the petitioner should begin at the time of his election to membership, and the Commandery is liable for Grand Commandery dues for him from that time.

CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE.

The Christmas toast to the Grand Master was generally observed. I delegated R. E. Sir Edward B. Spencer, Past Grand Commander, Division Commander of Division No. 1, to act, in the observance thereof at the Grand Commandery Rooms, in my place, which he did with his usual courteous and Knightly manner.

PITTSBURGH.

At the 43rd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, held in the City of Scranton, a resolution was adopted appointing the first four officers of the Grand Commandery and a Committee appointed by the Commanderies stationed at Pittsburgh and Allegheny, as a general Committee of arrangements for the 27th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, to be held at Pittsburgh in 1898.

The Committee, previously appointed by our fraters at Pittsburgh and Allegheny, and which was by this action constituted a special Committee of this Grand Commandery, made report as to what had been done by them up to the date of the Annual Conclave, and their report was published in full in our printed proceedings for last year.

As an *ex-officio* member of the general Committee, I can only report that the Committee have been actively at work during the past year in preparing for the grand event of 1898.

Such Grand and Subordinate Commanderies as have applied for quarters and hotel accommodations have been courteously received and hospitably entertained by the proper sub-committees, and suitable hotel or other accommodations have been secured by all who have applied.

My honored predecessor, R. E. Sir Edward B. Spencer, in his report made at Scranton last year, made certain recommendations relating to financial aid to be given to the general Committee by this Grand Commandery and by the Subordinate Commanderies, and his recommendations were referred to the Finance Committee.

That Committee subsequently asked, and obtained, permission to report at the present Annual Conclave. Their report will be presented to you in due time, and I can only ask at your hands, a most careful consideration of it.

Do not forget, Sir Knights, the duties of Knightly hospitality. The Grand Encampment, and visiting Knights will, upon that occasion, be the guests of this Grand Commandery, and the subordinate Commanderies of Pennsylvania, and it is a duty imperative upon us to see that the proper means are provided for dispensing that hospitality.

In accordance with the order of the Grand Commandery made at Scranton, the Grand Recorder prepared an invitation, a copy of which was sent to each Grand Commandery. The Grand Commanderies of Indiana, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Maryland, North Carolina, Nebraska, Connecticut and Tennessee have accepted the invitation to be present.

THE DEAD.

The annual report must contain the roll of Knights who, within the year that is past, having borne the cross of life, have won the crown of immortality. The loyal true Knight, of each one of whom, it may be said, as Sir Bors said of Sir Lancelot :

"There thou liest, thou were never
 "matched of none earthly Knights hands;
 "and thou were the courteous Knight
 "that ever bare shield; and thou
 "were the truest friend to thy lover
 "that ever bestrode horse; and thou
 "were the kindest man that ever
 "struck with sword; and thou
 "were the goodliest person that
 "ever came among press of Knights;
 "and thou were the meekest man
 "and the gentlest; and thou were
 "the sternest Knight to thy
 "mortal foe that ever put spear in rest."

I here inscribe the names of Soldiers of the Cross, who have served under my command and so serving, as Templars, have heard the voice of the Great Omnipotent Commander, calling them to rest—to enter that glorious Temple, not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens. These our comrades have but gone before us, a little space and soon we shall follow them through the darkness and the silence to the Halls of everlasting Light, and every one of us, who has been true to his Knightly vows, shall hear that silence broken by the gracious words: "Well done thou good and faithful servant." May the memory of our departed comrades bring to us, in this, our Annual Conclave, only tender recollections of their goodness and loyalty, and make us worthier Templars, give us higher conceptions of duty, firmer faith in the precepts of our Order and courage to endure to the end. These are they whose work is done, whose conflicts are over, and who have gone into the presence of that Great Commander before whom, we all shall stand.

M. E. Sir Vincent Lombard Hurlbut, Past Grand Master.

M. E. Sir Benjamin Dean, Past Grand Master.

R. E. Sir Charles W. Batchelor, Past Grand Commander.

R. E. Sir Edmund H. Turner, Past Grand Commander.

Em. Sir George W. Crouch, Past Commander	No. 4.
Em. Sir Thomas D. Watson, “ “ “	4.
Em. Sir George W. Smith, “ “ “	7.
Em. Sir Edward O. Macfarlane, “ “	16.
Em. Sir John A. Marchand, “ “ “	18.
Em. Sir Thomas Millspaugh, Eminent Commander	No. 22.
Em. Sir David S. Hammond, Past Commander	No. 24.
Em. Sir Michael Nisbet, “ “ “	29.
Em. Sir Chas. J. Cooke, Eminent Commander	No. 29.
Em. Sir Franklin M. Ross, Past Commander	No. 46.
Em. Sir David A. Stevenson, “ “ “	48.
Em. Sir William Clark, “ “ “	53.

CONCLUSION.

Sir Knights, as your Grand Commander, I now must say to you, Farewell! I feel that I have not adequately filled the high office with which I have been honored, yet, since I have sincerely tried to do my best, I am sure of your kind consideration for my endeavors. No man who honors his Knighthood can relinquish the sceptre of authority as Grand Commander and sever all its kindly connections, with such comrades as those who have surrounded me, without regret; yet, when I consider the eminence and the worth of my successor, I can only rejoice to pass this great authority into such hands. And in doing so, let me testify that nowhere can be found hearts more loyal, fidelity more devoted, hands more willing, than are here among the true Knights of this Grand Commandery.

That it may be blessed with the true Wisdom, that it may flourish as a tree whose roots are watered by the river of Life, and that all its members may be true to the “Cross and

Crown" through all the conflicts of life, is my last wish, as your Grand Commander.

Sam. V. Phe
Grand Commander.

EASTON, PA.,

May 25, 1897.

APPENDIX A.

IN MEMORIAM.

CHARLES W. BATCHELOR,
Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery
of Pennsylvania, 1883-1884.

Died at Pittsburgh, June 29, 1896.

GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF PENNSYLVANIA.

EASTON, PA., JULY 15, 1896.

To all Sir Knights of this Jurisdiction:

In sorrow, we announce the death of Past Grand Commander CHARLES W. BATCHELOR, who died at his home in Pittsburgh, June 29, 1896.

Our deceased frater was born in Steubenville, Ohio, in 1823, removing with his parents shortly after to Pittsburgh, where he resided for the remainder of his life.

He was made a Mason in Washington Lodge, No. 253, F. and A. M., subsequently resigning to become a Charter Member of Hailman Lodge, No. 321, F. and A. M., being its first Worshipful Master.

Received the Chapter degrees in 1854 in Zerubbabel Chapter, No. 162; was a Charter Member of Mt. Moriah Council, No. 2; Knighted in Pittsburgh Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar, in January, 1855, served as its Eminent Commander in 1876, and was elected Right Eminent Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery in 1883.

In 1879, the 33° degree was conferred upon our distinguished frater.

His life has been a busy one, having been favored by his fellow-citizens in many positions of honor and trust, discharging them all with that faithfulness so characteristic of him.

In early life he became, and continued until his death, a faithful and consistent member of the Christian Church, never allowing his business or social duties to encroach upon his church responsibilities.

Our beloved frater thus lived and died at the ripe age of 73 years. Surely he has

"Gone unto that
Land upon whose peaceful shore
There rests no shadow, falls no stain;
Where those who meet shall part no more,
And those long parted meet again."

SAM. S. YOHE,

Grand Commander.

ATTEST :

MONT. H. SMITH,

Grand Recorder.

APPENDIX B.

IN MEMORIAM.

EDMUND H. TURNER,
Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery
of Pennsylvania, 1852-1863.

Died at Altoona, July 12, 1896.

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF PENNSYLVANIA.

EASTON, PA., JULY 22, 1896.

To all Sir Knights of this Jurisdiction:

For the second time within a month we are called upon to mourn the loss of a Past Grand Commander.

R. E. Sir Turner died at his home in the City of Altoona, July 12, 1896.

In 1821, he was made a Mason in Maryland, subsequently affiliating with Mt. Moriah Lodge, No. 300, at Huntingdon, Pa., and serving this Lodge as its worshipful Master in 1865.

In 1857, he received the Royal Arch degree in Perseverance Chapter, No. 21, at Harrisburg, subsequently affiliating with and serving as High Priest in Standing Stone Chapter, No. 201, at Huntingdon, Pa.

He was a Charter Member of Mountain Council, No. 9, R. and S. Masters, and served as T. I. G. M. in 1857.

He received the orders of Knighthood in Pilgrim Commandery, No. 11, K. T., and afterwards affiliated with Mountain Commandery, No. 10, at Altoona, serving as Eminent Commander in 1859-1860.

In 1862-1863, he served as R. E. Grand Commander and in this, as in all other stations in Masonic or civil life, his work was well and faithfully done.

“Into the long procession
That passes away to the night—
Gone! yea, forever and ever,
Gone to a life's region of light.

Out from the shadow of suffering,
Drifting across the dark main,
Into the brighter future,
Out from the gloom of pain.”

SAM. S. YOHE,
Grand Commander.

ATTEST:

MONT. H. SMITH,
Grand Recorder.

APPENDIX C.

GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF PENNSYLVANIA.Office of the R. E. Grand Commander,
EASTON, PA., November 16, 1896.*To the Eminent Commanders of the several Commanderies under
the Jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar
of Pennsylvania:*

The Committee on Christmas Observance of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, U. S. A., have communicated the following

Toast to our Grand Master :

To the Most Eminent Grand Master, W. LARUE THOMAS:
His faithful Knights send greetings on this holy Christmas-tide.*“On earth peace, good will toward men.”*

Response of the Grand Master :

To all the Brotherhood of the Faith : May the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

The Committee makes, and we submit to you, the inquiry :

“Will you join in these sentiments on Friday, December 25th, at noon, and will you extend the invitation to your Command, as well as to all true Templars and their friends wheresoever dispersed, on land or sea?”

Courteously yours,

SAM. S. YOHE,
Grand Commander.

ATTEST :

MONT. H. SMITH,
Grand Recorder.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

The E. Grand Treasurer, E. Sir John Jay Gilroy, presented the following report, which, upon motion, was referred to the Committee on Finance :

EASTON, PA., May 25, 1897.

E. Sir Isaac Albertson, late Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania.

DR.

1896.

May	1.	To Balance	\$2,620 44
	4.	To Cash from Grand Recorder, Mont. H. Smith	772 70
	5.	“ “ “ “ “	1,287 05
	6.	“ “ “ “ “	745 05
	7.	“ “ “ “ “	358 80
	9.	“ “ “ “ “	729 95
	12.	“ “ “ “ “	812 10
	14.	“ “ “ “ “	208 30
June	9.	To Cash from Irving P. Wanger, account per diem to Scranton	3 00
	10.	“ “ Philadelphia Trust, Safe Deposit and Insurance Company for voucher No. 2 for Commandery No. 2, to Geo. B. Wells, lost and payment stopped . . .	9 48
	15.	“ “ Grand Recorder, Mont. H. Smith . . .	100 00
			<hr/> \$7,646 87 <hr/>

CREDIT BY PAYMENTS.

1896.

May	Mileage and per diem to Scranton	\$2,089 56
	Division Commanders' Expenses	184 56
July	Printing and Stationery	222 55
	Salary of Grand Recorder	200 00
	Miscellaneous	1,667 38
		<hr/> \$4,364 05 <hr/>

RECAPITULATION.

Total Receipts	\$7,646 87
Total Payments	4,364 05
Balance	<u>\$3,282 82</u>

All of which is included in a detailed statement hereto annexed.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS.

DIVISION COMMANDERS' EXPENSES.

1896. Voucher.

May 14.	130.	James B. Youngson	\$15 00
	131.	Thad. S. Adle	27 75
	132.	Frank McSparren	13 56
	133.	John C. Owsley	21 60
	134.	Charles L. Wheeler	11 62
	135.	Daniel B. Else	5 50
	136.	L. R. Frost	6 50
	137.	Adam H. Schmehl	26 93
	138.	Joshua L. Lyte	4 15
	139.	Henry H. Kuhn	26 65
	140.	R. A. Zimmerman	13 50
	141.	H. D. Judd	11 80
			<u>\$184 56</u>

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM TO SCRANTON.

1896. Voucher.

May 28.	1.	Joseph G. Morris,	Commandery No.	1	\$31 20
	2.	Walter Jones,	"	2	21 84
	3.	William F. Borchers,	"	3	33 06
	4.	Gustave R. Schaefer,	"	4	21 84
	7.	Daniel H. Pearsall,	"	7	34 44
	8.	Harry S. Mohler,	"	8	21 24
	9.	Charles E. Miller,	"	9	20 28
	10.	William T. Schomberg,	"	10	24 78
	11.	Frank Ridgway,	"	11	20 10
	12.	Samuel B. Arment,	"	12	12 36
	13.	James C. Wiley,	"	13	22 32
	14.	Wm. H. Hollenbeck,	"	14	9 96
	15.	George D. Peters,	"	15	22 14
	16.	Oran E. Haverly,	"	16	17 88
	17.	Andrew B. Holmes,	"	17	6 00
	18.	Alexander C. Boyd,	"	18	29 34
	19.	Howard A. Hartzell,	"	19	19 14

1896. Voucher.

May 28.	20.	Daniel Z. Walker,	Commandery No.	20	\$18 12
	22.	Thomas H. Millspaugh,	"	22	19 38
	23.	Charles A. Blakslee,	"	23	13 38
	24.	John C. Bucher,	"	24	21 96
	25.	George W. Houser,	"	25	33 54
	26.	Charles A. Zerbe,	"	26	19 86
	27.	E. R. W. Searle,	"	27	12 72
	28.	Wentworth D. Vedder,	"	28	24 24
	29.	Charles J. Cooke,	"	29	21 84
	30.	John J. Hogan,	"	30	33 18
	31.	Alfred Palmer,	"	31	17 52
	32.	Oliver F. Lenhardt,	"	32	20 94
	33.	Albert C. Mingle,	"	33	21 48
	34.	Henry C. Young,	"	34	23 04
	35.	Harvey P. Wylie,	"	35	31 26
	36.	William McCoach,	"	36	21 84
	37.	William J. Rogers,	"	37	13 08
	39.	J. Walter Price,	"	39	18 12
	40.	Thomas H. Claffey,	"	40	27 06
	41.	Heister S. Albright,	"	41	18 12
	42.	David T. Schmehl,	"	42	20 28
	43.	John H. Payne,	"	43	33 60
	44.	Robert McCalmont,	"	44	34 14
	45.	George D. Kingsley,	"	45	10 14
	46.	Philip S. Kift,	"	46	20 94
	47.	John D. Carlile,	"	47	21 84
	48.	Samuel Hamilton,	"	48	31 20
	49.	John M. Core,	"	49	31 62
	50.	William E. Van Orsdel,	"	50	38 82
	51.	Jerome Hyatt,	"	51	31 98
	54.	Joseph L. Tull,	"	54	21 84
	55.	George W. Davy,	"	55	24 18
	56.	D. Maurice Wertz,	"	56	23 22
	57.	Stephen B. Bennett,	"	57	6 54
	58.	John Lay,	"	58	30 36
	59.	Willard E. McCarthy,	"	59	31 20
	60.	Leroy T. Burns,	"	60	10 92
	61.	John J. Jones,	"	61	26 52
	62.	Edgar E. Seavy,	"	62	34 20
	63.	Jacob Kellar,	"	63	30 24
	64.	Judson W. Stone,	"	64	21 72
	65.	Harry W. Read,	"	65	25 98
	66.	William M. Ford,	"	65	22 62

1896. Voucher.

May 28.	67.	Calvin R. Beatty,	Commandery No. 67	\$33 84
	68.	Ezra C. Browning,	" " 68	6 00
	69.	Clarence A. Stebbins,	" " 69	27 78
	70.	Thomas W. Jenkins,	" " 70	21 84
	71.	John L. Weber,	" " 71	21 36
	72.	Wm. K. T. Sahm,	" " 72	31 20
	74.	William H. Denlinger,	" " 74	17 46
	75.	William T. Nelson,	" " 75	21 84
	76.	Henry C. Miller,	" " 76	12 30
	77.	Edward B. Spencer, R. E. Grand Commander,		21 84
	78.	Samuel S. Yohe, V. E. Dep. " "		19 14
	79.	Harry M. Van Zandt, E. Grand Generalissimo,		19 86
	80.	Chas. M. Stock, E. Grand Prelate,		21 78
	81.	Henry H. Kuhn, E. Gr. Captain-General,		26 52
	82.	James B. Youngson, E. Gr. Senior Warden,		31 20
	83.	Adam H. Schmehl, E. Gr. Junior Warden,		20 28
	84.	Isaac Albertson, E. Gr. Treasurer,		21 84
	85.	Mont. H. Smith, E. Gr. Recorder,		21 84
	86.	Charles Cary, E. Gr. Standard Bearer,		21 84
	87.	Ezra S. Bartlett, E. Gr. Sword Bearer,		21 84
	88.	Robert J. Mercer, E. Gr. Warder,		22 62
	89.	John A. Vanderslice, E. Gr. Capt. Guard,		22 14
	90.	Harvey A. McKillip, E. Gr. Marshal,		12 36
	91.	Saml. W. Wray, Ch. Com. Mil. and Per Diem,		21 84
	92.	Christian F. Knapp, Past Grand Commander,		12 36
	93.	James H. Hopkins, " "		31 20
	94.	Andrew J. Kauffman, " "		23 04
	95.	Geo. W. Kendrick, Jr., " "		21 84
	96.	Joseph Alexander, Jr., " "		6 00
	97.	Lee S. Smith, " "		31 20
	98.	William W. Allen, " "		21 84
	99.	James H. Coddington, " "		17 88
	100.	Irving P. Wanger, " "		20 94

\$2,089 56

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

1896. Voucher.

May 14.	142.	Nutz & Worthington, Walnut Case support to portrait of P. G. Com. Chas. C. Baer, and Closet for papers, etc.,	\$55 34
	143.	Edward B. Spencer, Account Appropriation Grand Commander,	150 00
June 3.	144.	City Trust, Safe Deposit & Surety Co., Renewal Grand Treasurer's Bond,	37 50

1896. Voucher.

June 3.	145.	Thos. F. Penman, Account Conclave at Scranton, \$	150 00
	146.	Ezra H. Ripple, Hire of Horses at Scranton, . .	30 00
	147.	Henry W. Smith, Account Expenses Finance Committee,	25 32
	148.	Wm. H. Dickson, Account Expenses Finance Committee,	25 32
	149.	F. S. Godfrey, Hotel Jermyn, Scranton, Room and Supplies,	174 75
	150.	R. J. Bauer, Music at Reception,	15 00
	151.	Isaac Albertson, Supplies at Scranton, . . .	30 00
	152.	Mont. H. Smith, Office Expenses, Mar. April and May, 1896,	68 19
	153.	Mont. H. Smith, Grand Recorder, Salary for May,	100 00
9.	154.	Wm. H. Mayo, Grand Recorder, Grand En- campment, Dues 1896,	560 90
10.	155.	Thos. P. Merritt, Expenses Attending Meetings Finance Committee,	7 88
	156.	Saml. S. Yohe, Account Appropriation Grand Commander,	200 00
11.	157.	Geo. B. Wells, Mileage and Per Diem to Read- ing, May 30, 1895, in lieu of Voucher No 2, lost,	9 48
20.	158.	H. I. McIntire & Co., Printing for May,	132 10
July 1.	159.	Wm. H. Horstmann Co., Past Grand Com. Shoul- der Straps,	6 00
	160.	Mont. H. Smith, Gr. Recorder, Salary for June,	100 00
3.	161.	Mont. H. Smith, Gr. Recorder, Expenses for June,	26 75
14.	162.	Chas. C. Herold, Past Gr. Commander's Jewel,	75 00
	163.	Philip C. Shaffer, Repairs to Water Cooler, . .	3 50
	164.	Altemus & Co., Stationery,	16 45
	165.	H. I. McIntire & Co., Printing,	90 45
			<u>\$2,089 93</u>

EASTON, PA., May 25, 1897.

To the R. E. Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania :

Your Grand Treasurer respectfully submits the following report :

Commencing the duties of Grand Treasurer on August 1, 1896, I received from the late Grand Treasurer the sum of \$3,282.82, which is deposited to the credit of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania.

DR.

1896.

Aug. 1.	To amount from late Grand Treasurer,	\$3,282 82
Nov. 10.	“ “ Phila. Trust & S. D. Co., Interest on Deposits,	39 53
Feby. 9.	“ “ Grand Recorder,	6 25
April 22.	“ “ “	105 90
29.	“ “ “	1,185 25
29.	“ “ “	85 15
30.	“ “ “	55 50
30.	“ “ Phila. Trust & S. D. Co., Interest on Deposits,	15 20
Total,		<u>\$4,775 60</u>

CREDIT BY PAYMENTS.

By Amount Salary of Grand Recorder,	\$1,000 00
“ Rent of Office, Masonic Temple,	500 00
“ Printing and Stationery,	424 11
“ Annual Appropriation Masonic Home, Penna.,	300 00
“ Miscellaneous,	659 26
Total,	<u>\$2,883 37</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Total Receipts,	\$4,775 60
Total Payments,	<u>2,883 37</u>
To Balance May 1st, 1897,	<u>\$1,892 23</u>

Detailed statement of payment is annexed hereto.

Courteously,

JOHN JAY GILROY,

Grand Treasurer.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS.

1896. Voucher.

Aug. 5.	166.	Mont. H. Smith, Gr. Recorder, Salary for July, .	\$100 00
	167.	“ “ Office Expenses for July,	28 05
14.	168.	A. S. Pritchard, Engrossing “Grant Weidman, P. G. C.” Memorial,	35 00

1896. Voucher.

Sept. 1.	169.	Mont. H. Smith, Gr. Recorder, Salary for August, \$100 00	
	12. 170.	Altemus & Co., Stationery,	2 85
	171.	H. I. McIntire & Co., Printing,	14 45
	172.	W. H. Hoskins, Printing Proceedings Grand Commandery,	298 67
	22. 173.	A. S. Pritchard, Engrossing "Chas. W. Batchelor, P. G. C." Memorial,	35 00
Oct. 6.	174.	Mont. H. Smith, Office Expenses, Aug. and Sept.,	13 00
	175.	" " Gr. Recorder, Salary for Sept., .	100 00
	15. 176.	Egbert T. Sees, Treas., Account Office Expenses,	5 00
	27. 177.	H. I. McIntire & Co., Printing,	65 53
Nov. 6.	178.	Wm. H. Deisroth, 132 Pasteboard Boxes,	39 60
	179.	Altemus & Co., Stationery,	9 41
	180.	American Dist. Telegraph Co., Messenger Service,	10 21
	181.	Mont. H. Smith, Gr. Recorder, Salary for Oct., .	100 00
Dec. 2.	182.	Masonic Home of Penna., Annual Appropriation,	300 00
	183.	Mont. H. Smith, Gr. Recorder, Salary for Nov., .	100 00
	184.	Samuel S. Yohe, Account Appropriation Gr. Com- mander,	53 00
1897.			
Jany. 4.	185.	John O'Donnell, Filing Case,	40 50
	186.	A. S. Pritchard, Engrossing Memorial "E. H. Tur- ner, P. G. C.,"	35 00
	187.	Samuel S. Yohe, Account Appropriation Gr. Com- mander,	101 50
	188.	Mont. H. Smith, Gr. Recorder, Salary for Dec., .	100 00
	27. 189.	Samuel S. Yohe, Account Appropriation Gr. Com- mander,	150 00
	30. 190.	H. I. McIntire & Co., Printing,	33 20
	31. 191.	Mont. H. Smith, Gr. Recorder, Salary for Jany., .	100 00
Feby. 11.	192.	" " Account Office Expenses,	11 65
Mch. 2.	193.	" " Gr. Recorder, Salary to Feb. 15, 1897,	50 00
April 1.	194.	Samuel S. Yohe, Account Appropriation Gr. Com- mander,	92 00
	195.	Wm. W. Allen, Gr. Recorder, Salary for Feby. and March,	150 00
	30. 196.	Grand Lodge of Penna., Rent of Office for one year,	500 00
	197.	Wm. W. Allen, Gr. Recorder, Salary for April, .	100 00
	198.	" " Office Expenses,	9 75
			<u>\$2,883 37</u>

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

The E. Grand Recorder, R. E. Sir William W. Allen, presented the following report, which, upon motion, was referred to the Committee on Finance :

EASTON, May 25th, 1897.

*To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Members of
the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania.*

Your Grand Recorder respectfully submits the following report :

Sixteen hundred copies of the proceedings of the Forty-third Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery were printed and distributed.

The proceedings from other Grand Commanderies have been received and distributed conformably to the usual custom.

By-Laws and amendments to By-Laws have been received from a number of Subordinate Commanderies and, when examined and approved by the Committee on By-Laws and the R. E. Grand Commander, have been returned to the several Commanderies.

For the Templar year ending April 30th, 1897, moneys have been received from the following Commanderies :

1896.

May 4.	Jacques De Molay, No. 3, Dues and Fees to April 30, '96,	\$45 35
	St. John's, No. 8,	62 65
	Mountain, No. 10,	105 75
	Crusade, No. 12,	42 70
	Hugh de Payens, No. 19,	123 65
	Allen, No. 20,	109 75
	Lewistown, No. 26,	36 25
	Mt. Olivet, No. 30,	121 90
	Ivanhoe, No. 31,	44 70
	Clarence, No. 51,	43 75
	Huntingdon, No. 65,	34 00
5.	Lancaster, No. 13,	155 25
6.	St. Omer's, No. 7,	54 15
	Franklin, No. 44,	69 85
	Canton, No. 64,	35 70
	Dieu le Veut, No. 45,	140 15
	Allegheny, No. 35,	227 35
	Tancred, No. 48,	298 90
	Philadelphia, No. 2,	305 70
	Hutchinson, No. 32,	124 70
	St. Alban, No. 47,	282 85
	Baldwin II, No. 22,	107 85

1896.

May 6.	Warren, No. 63,	Dues and Fees to April 30, '96,			\$60 80
	Tyagaghton, No. 28,	"	"	"	59 75
	Temple, No. 60,	"	"	"	30 25
	Packer, No. 23,	"	"	"	78 85
7.	Prince of Peace, No. 39	"	"	"	50 90
	Reading, No. 42,	"	"	"	206 60
	Continental, No. 56,	"	"	"	27 65
	Wyoming Valley, No. 57,	"	"	"	36 80
	Lawrence, No. 62,	"	"	"	36 85
8.	Melita, No. 68,	"	"	"	60 85
	Potter, No. 69,	"	"	"	72 80
	St. Andrew's, No. 76,	"	"	"	37 15
9.	Hospitaller, No. 46,	"	"	"	51 65
	Rose Croix, No. 38,	"	"	"	24 35
	Corinthian, No. 53,	"	"	"	331 75
	Duquesne, No. 72,	"	"	"	88 70
	Moshannon, No. 74,	"	"	"	62 70
11.	Jerusalem, No. 15,	"	"	"	59 90
	Cyrene, No. 34,	"	"	"	43 95
	Oriental, No. 61,	"	"	"	42 65
	Mt. Calvary, No. 67,	"	"	"	40 50
	Nativity, No. 71,	"	"	"	53 30
12.	Pennsylvania, No. 70,	"	"	"	189 20
	Knapp, No. 40,	"	"	"	109 65
	Ascalon, No. 59,	"	"	"	107 30
	Rebecca, No. 50,	"	"	"	59 90
	Kedron, No. 18,	"	"	"	105 75
	Trinity, No. 58,	"	"	"	133 95
13.	Great Bend, No. 27,	"	"	"	30 00
14.	Northwestern, No. 25,	"	"	"	44 35
June 15.	Shamokin No. 77, "Charter Fee,"				100 00

1897.

April 12.	Gethsemane, No. 75, Dues and Fees to April 30, '97,				14 30
17.	Constans, No. 33,	"	"	"	41 75
20.	Palestine, No. 14,	"	"	"	49 85
22.	Talbot, No. 43,	"	"	"	71 30
23.	Centennial, No. 55,	"	"	"	28 00
	De Molay, No. 9,	"	"	"	108 55
26.	Crusade, No. 12,	"	"	"	47 05
27.	Ascalon, No. 59,	"	"	"	133 35
	Hospitaller, No. 46,	"	"	"	56 00
28.	Baldwin II, No. 22,	"	"	"	114 60
	St. John's, No. 4,	"	"	"	354 75

1897.

April 29.	Kadosh, No. 29,	Dues and Fees to April 30, '97,	\$209 05
	Uniontown, No. 49,	" " "	62 60
	York, No. 21,	" " "	56 95
	Continental, No. 56,	" " "	28 20
30.	Rose Croix, No. 38,	" " "	26 35
	St. Andrew's, No. 76,	" " "	29 15
June 6, 1896.	Amount returned by P. G. C. Wanger, one day's per		
	Diem,		3 00
	Sales of Tactics and Drill,		7 50
		Total,	<u>\$6,455 00</u>

All of which has been paid to the Grand Treasurer, and his receipt taken therefor.

The annual returns, together with the payments of fees and dues, have been received from each of the Subordinate Commanderies, the consolidated returns for the Templar year, ending April 30, 1897, exhibiting the following table, viz. :

Number of Commanderies	74	
Membership as per last report	11,218	
Knights	649	
Admitted	101	
		<u>11,968</u>
Resigned	114	
Died	162	
Suspended	195	
Expelled	2	
Error last return of No. 1	4	477
		<u>11,491</u>

Present membership,

Courteously yours,

WILLIAM W. ALLEN,
Grand Recorder.

PETITION FOR DISPENSATION.

The following petition for Dispensation was read and, upon motion, referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, officers and members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Pennsylvania:

The petition of the undersigned respectfully represents that they are severally Knights of the Red Cross, Knights Templar and Knights of Malta, residing in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; that they are in good standing as Knights of these illustrious Orders, and among them are, in their opinion, a competent number well qualified to form and open a Commandery of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders, and to properly discharge the various duties thereof, according to ancient usage; that they have a suitable place of meeting, and ability to procure proper furniture and dress for conducting the ceremonies and work of a Commandery. Having the good of the Order at heart, and desirous to extend the benefits and blessings thereof to worthy Companions, they pray for a dispensation empowering them to form, open and hold a regular Commandery of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders in the borough of Washington, county of Washington, and State of Pennsylvania, to be named *Washington* Commandery, subordinate to, under the jurisdiction of, and to be conducted in accordance with the Constitution, Rules and Edicts of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, the Grand Encampment of the United States, and the general principles, customs and usages of the Order.

And they beg leave respectfully to recommend Sir John Rumbaugh, as the first Eminent Commander, Sir Warren A. McKay, as the first Generalissimo, Sir William Denney, as the first Captain-General.

Dated November 30th, 1896, A. O. 778, A. O. E. P. 99.

John Rumbaugh, P. E. C., of Jacques De Molay Commandery, No. 3.

Warren A. McKay, " " " " 3.

Owen A. Evans, " " " " 3.

Carson L. Ruch, Demitted from " " 3.

William P. Redic, of Jacques De Molay " " 3.

Elmer Elsworth Shira, " " " " 3.

William P. Taylor, " " " " 3.

Valentine Q. Hickman, " " " " 3.

Andrew C. Foringer, " " " " 3.

Frank F. French, " " " " 3.

William O'Brien, of St. John's " " 24, N. Y.

Ellis Porter McCutcheon, of Jacques De Molay " " 3.

Philo V. Paul, P. E. C.,	of Jacques De Molay Commandery No.	3.
John F. Budke,	" "	3.
Thos. R. Yates,	" "	3.
James D. Little,	" "	3.
Alex. McMorran,	" "	3.
John D. Norris,	" "	3.
W. H. Alexander,	" "	3.
Wilfred Cameron,	" "	3.
L. P. Streator,	" "	3.
David McKain,	" "	3.
Wm. Denney,	" "	3.
E. T. Hitchman,	" "	3.
S. B. Agnew,	" "	3.
Albert P. Good,	" "	3.
G. T. Bruden,	" "	3.
W. P. Fryer,	" "	3.
Edward W. Tibbals,	" "	3.
James L. Downing,	" "	3.
D. A. Beatty,	" "	3.
Chas. W. Minor,	" "	3.
D. E. Engle,	" "	3.
S. B. Hayes,	of Tancred	" " 48.
Thomas F. Gailey,	of Jacques De Molay	" " 3.
Charles Barrows,	of Crusade	" " 6, W. Va.
William F. Borchers,	of Jacques De Molay	" " 3.

At a stated Conclave of the Knights of *Jacques De Molay Commandery, No. 3*, Knights Templar, stationed at Washington, Pennsylvania, held on the Twentieth day of November, A. D. 1896, A. O. 778, on motion duly made and seconded, it was

Resolved, That the petition of the foregoing Knights for a dispensation for a new Commandery at Washington, be recommended to the favorable consideration of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, this being the nearest Commandery.

WILLIAM F. BORCHERS,

Eminent Commander.

Attest:

JAMES W. McDOWELL,

Recorder.

The R. E. Grand Commander announced the death of the Senior Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania :

R. E. SIR ANTHONY E. STOCKER, M. D.,
which occurred at Philadelphia, May 23rd, 1897.

The Sir Knights standing and uncovered, the following communication from M. E. Sir Warren La Rue Thomas, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, was read by the Grand Recorder :

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Office of the Grand Master,

Washington, D. C., April 21, 1897.

To all Sir Knights of our Obedience:

It is with feelings of the most profound sorrow that we announce to you the death of two Sir Knights who have received at your hands the most distinguished honors you could confer. Each had served you long and faithfully and had given the best efforts of their lives to the Order they loved so well. In the various Grand Bodies of their respective States, where they were best known and best loved, they had received the affection and confidence of their Brethren. We will miss their presence and their counsel in the Grand Encampment, where for so many years they have met with us. We all will recall their presence at the Conclave in Boston, and, although both were in feeble health, their great interest in the welfare of Templary was thoroughly manifested. Our hearts sadden at the thought that those to whom we have learned to look for wisdom, and who have qualified themselves by long years of patient study and sacrifice, have to pay the debt of nature, and the "places that now know them will know them no more forever." But the law is inexorable, and this makes it more imperative that we should honestly and truly follow the teachings of our Order, and place our faith and dependence in Emmanuel, God with us.

VINCENT LOMBARD HURLBUT,

PAST GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT,

Died at his home, in Chicago, Ill., on Friday, July 24th, 1896, in the sixty-seventh year of his age, having been born June 28th, 1829, in West Mendon, New York. Sir Knight Hurlbut received his degrees in the various Masonic bodies of his State, and in 1867 was elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Illinois. In 1871 he was elected Grand Generalissimo, in 1874 Deputy Grand Master, and in 1877 Grand Master of the

Grand Encampment, retiring from that office at the Conclave of 1880.

Quiet, dignified and unassuming, this distinguished Frater enjoyed the esteem of his friends, and by study and application attained high rank in his chosen profession, that of physician and surgeon.

BENJAMIN DEAN,

PAST GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT,

Died at his home, in South Boston, Mass., on Friday, April 9th, 1897, in the seventy-third year of his age, having been born April 24th, 1824, in Clitheroe, Lancashire, England. His father and family moved to this country and settled in Massachusetts when he was a boy, and in that State he was reared and educated. He chose the law for his profession, and early attained great distinction. He was chosen to fill many positions of honor by his fellow-citizens in his State, and at one time ably represented his district in the Congress of the United States. In all the positions he filled he discharged his duties honorably and to the entire satisfaction of his constituents. Sir Knight Dean was made a Mason in St. John's Lodge in 1854, and at once took such interest in the Order that his advancement was rapid. He filled different positions in the Subordinate and Grand Bodies, and was Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island in 1869 and 1870. He was elected Grand Captain-General of the Grand Encampment in 1871, Grand Generalissimo in 1877, and Grand Master in 1880, retiring from that office in 1883. Of a genial nature and a sunny temperament, he welcomed his friends with a smile, and was ever ready to give advice or instruction to all those who sought it. On Monday, the 12th of April, at his late residence, surrounded by his many friends and all the leading Knights Templar of his Grand Commandery, the last sad rites due him were observed, after which his remains were interred in the family lot at his old home in Lowell, Mass.

And thus, Sir Knights, have two of our most eminent Fraters passed away. We are justified in the hope that they have gone to enjoy the full realization of that blessed faith which our noble Order teaches. Let us emulate their examples, and by our daily walk show to the world that we actually believe in the beautiful teachings which our Order shows forth, looking forward to the time when our own summons will come, and so living and acting that we shall be fully prepared to stand before the Grand Captain of our salvation.

All Grand and Subordinate Commanderies will cause this announcement to be read at the head of their lines at the first Conclave after its reception, and make due record thereof.

W. LARUE THOMAS,
M. E. Grand Master.

ATTEST:

WM. H. MAYO,
Grand Recorder.

R. E. Sir James H. Coddington, offered the following, which was, upon motion, adopted :

Resolved, That so much of the R. E. Grand Commander's Report as refers to the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

V. E. Sir Harry M. Van Zandt, Deputy Grand Commander, presented the following, which was, upon motion, adopted :

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be requested to submit, with their Report to-morrow, some feasible means for providing for the expenses of this Grand Commandery at the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment at Pittsburgh during October, 1898.

The following resolution was presented, and upon motion, adopted :

EASTON, PA., May 25, 1897.

Resolved, That E. Sir Knight William Ross, a Past Commander of St. Alban Commandery, No. 8, of Maine, a resident of this Jurisdiction and now a member of Corinthian "Chasseur" Commandery, No. 53, stationed at Philadelphia, be admitted to membership in this Grand Commandery.

(Signed), CHARLES CARY,
JOHN JAY GILROY.

Invitations to the Grand Commandery, "to hold the Forty-fifth Annual Conclave" were received and read, from Pilgrim Commandery, No. 11, stationed at Harrisburg, and Talbot Commandery, No. 43, stationed at Oil City.

Upon motion the same were referred to the Committee on Next Place of Meeting.

The following Amendment to the Constitution was read and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence :

Amend Section 71 of the Constitution by adding, after the words "and in going to and from such Annual Conclaves" the following: "And the same compensation shall be granted each Division Commander in attendance, who has filed his Annual Report with the Grand Commander on or before May 1st of each year, provided, he is not otherwise entitled to mileage and per diem."

(Signed), JOHN C. WALLACE, No. 62.
HUBERT D. JUDD, No. 57.

R. E. Sir Lee S. Smith, offered the following, and, upon motion, action was postponed until the next Annual Conclave :

Resolved, That Article on Uniform be amended by adding to section under "Scarf," the words: "This section shall not apply to Eminent Commanders or Past Commanders ; they shall dispense with Scarf or Baldric."

The Grand Commandery then adjourned until 9.30 o'clock, Wednesday morning, May 26, 1897.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26TH, 1897.

The Grand Commandery was called to order at 9.30 A. M., the Sir Knights being led in their devotions by the E. Grand Prelate.

MASONIC HOME.

The Representative to the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania, E. Sir M. Richards Muckle, presented the following report which was, upon motion, received :

EASTON, May 26, 1897.

To the R. E. Grand Commander, Officers and members of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania.

SIR KNIGHTS:

Your Representative to the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania makes this his Annual Report of the condition of the Institution, at the close of the year 1896.

The membership consists of 109 Blue Lodges, 3 Mark Lodges, 16 Chapters, 14 Commanderies, 1 Council, 3 A. and A. Scottish Rite Bodies, together 146, four more than were reported in the last Annual Report. In addition to the above mentioned there are 2 Honorary Members, 37 Life Members, 60 Members, and 400 Annual Contributors, making an aggregate membership of 645, an increase of 94. The number of inmates at the close of the year was 37.

The Treasurer reported the balance and receipts for the year to be \$16,919.73, from which amount \$7,000 was invested, and the expenses for maintenance was \$10,302.05, which left the Treasury overdrawn \$382.32.

The assets consisting of the Real Estate, premium on fire policies, personal property, and cash in hands of the Committee on Supplies, amounting to \$65,072.51.

The Investments, par value, sum up \$103,372.51, an increase of \$3,875.73.

Legacies to amount of \$822.54, were received, and the three Grand Bodies of the State, and the A. and A. S. Rite also made the usual liberal contributions.

President Wagner in his report says:

"You will note that for the first time in the history of the Home we are compelled to report a liability, our cash balance on November 30, 1896, being insufficient to pay the bills incurred for that month.

"In addition to the amount due for the past year, and a possible similar deficiency for the current year, it will be necessary to provide funds to pay for the street improvements for which our property became liable because of the curbing and paving of Ontario Street, as named in the report of the Committee on Property, and aggregating \$997.28.

"It would be well for all the members of the Corporation to bear in mind the fact that we enter 1897 with incurred debt of \$1,379.60, and that during the year we must have greater economies in maintenance, or larger contributions from the Craft, or a sale of some of our interest-bearing investments."

Grand Master William J. Kelly, a former member of the Board, in speaking of the Home said :

"The great Masonic Charity, The Masonic Home, authorized under the auspices of a part of the Lodges and other Masonic Bodies, also by individual Masons who were willing to contribute of their means for so meritorious an object, is a fixed, worthy and creditable Institution, and I hope will receive the best thoughts of our Fraternity. I can conceive no higher aspiration or pleasant duty than to consider and alleviate the pains and cares of the aged and depressed. When a brother lives through a full ordinary lifetime, has battled with the world, finds at last that he is beaten in the race, that further effort is useless, that he must give up the struggle, and yet that existence is his, his only possession that of a future, dark on every side, because of the discouragement and almost despair that is within him, a good brother discovers his distress, he cheers him, his Lodge is a member of the Home, knows its rules, knows its willingness to aid the distressed brother and turns him from darkness to sunshine. Can anything be more blessed? Is there anything in this world more noble than to succor him, who is for the second time a child, and give him a home of comfort, rest and content? The Masonic Home is a practical charity, it has passed beyond the experimental stage. Yet it is crippled for want of a permanent income. It has now invested in its permanent fund \$40,000; it should have \$250,000. I trust that our whole Jurisdiction will become interested and that they will find some means to increase this amount, until it may reach the sum named. Since the Home was organized it has taken care of eighty aged brethren. It now has thirty-seven inmates. Its entire salary list is only \$600 per annum, so that money paid to it goes to supporting our

brethren. It is not local in its charity, nor is an applicant asked, where do you come from? If he is found worthy he is given a home in everything that sweet word implies. I wish to place upon record my sincere confidence in the officers and managers of the Institution. Having been a member of the Board myself, serving for several years in that capacity, I can and do testify to their intelligence, devotion and labor to get the best results out of that which is given them. My brethren, let me commend it to your best consideration, help liberally as you can, with the assurance that what you give or cause to be given will be well expended."

Brethren and Sir Knights, won't you give us a helping hand in this noble charity?

Fraternally submitted,

M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ,

Representative from the Grand Commandery to the Home.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers presented the following report, which, upon motion, was received and the resolutions thereto attached were adopted:

To the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania:

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers have carefully considered the report of the R. E. Grand Commander, and respectfully submit:

That the affairs of our Grand Commandery have been earnestly and judiciously administered, and the results are honorable to the Order, and highly creditable to our Grand Commander. There have been manifest zeal, careful consideration and a resulting harmony, highly beneficial to our Grand Body and its subordinates.

We extend our cordial commendation to all the administrative acts embraced in the report. Dispensations have been granted and appointments made with care and wisdom, and within the lines heretofore approved for executive guidance.

We approve the decisions, but think proper to explain our views with the purpose of preventing possible misunderstanding.

I. In the case of Suspension, reported from Commandery No. 42, which was set aside, we infer that the Grand Commander found as fact, that the suspended Knight was not liable to the summons ordered by the Commandery, because he had previously paid to the Recorder thereof the dues chargeable to the year in which the suspension occurred.

II. In the instances in which the Order of Malta was conferred by Commanderies upon Knights not members of the conferring bodies, it is to be

understood that such action was upon request duly made by the Commanderies of which the recipients of the said order were actual members.

III. The Committee is of opinion that a rejected applicant for the Orders, who afterwards removes within the jurisdiction of another than the rejecting Commandery, must have the approval of both Commanderies in order to receive the Orders under any subsequent petition.

If rejected in Commandery A, and he then removes within the jurisdiction of Commandery B, either of two courses may be followed. First, to petition Commandery B, with the previous consent of A. Second, he may petition Commandery A, in which he was rejected, but in such case, inquiry must be made of B, observing carefully the conditions and limitations of Sections 100 and 101 of our Constitution. Important errors may follow any other views of the law.

We congratulate our Grand Commander upon the obvious success of his official relations and career. No one can question the ability and care which he has exercised in our behalf.

The following resolutions are submitted:

Resolved, that the thanks of this Grand Commandery are extended to Right Eminent Sir Sam. S. Yohe, for his honorable and successful labors in the cause of Christian Knighthood.

Resolved, that the jewel and shoulder straps proper to his rank be presented to him, as an official memorial of this recognition by our Grand Commandery.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. CODDING,

IRVING P. WANGER,

LEE S. SMITH.

Committee on Doings of Grand Officers.

EASTON, PA., May 26, 1897.

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters presented the following report, which was, upon motion, received and the recommendation adopted:

To the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania:

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters beg leave to report as follows:

A petition for a dispensation to form, open and hold a regular Commandery of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders in the Borough of Washington, in the county of Washington, Penna., was made to the Right Em. Grand Commander, and a remonstrance thereto having been filed, it

was refused by the R. E. Grand Commander, and the matter subsequently referred to your Committee, who after duly notifying the petitioners and the remonstrants of the time and place of meeting to hear the matter, heard the parties interested.

That there is now located at the said Borough of Washington, Jacques de Molay Commandery, No. 3, K. T., with a membership of 58, eleven of whom have been added during the last two Templar years, and four applications were rejected during the same period. Within the Templar Jurisdiction of Jacques de Molay Commandery, No. 3, there is but one chapter of Royal Arch Masons located at Washington, having a membership of from 130 to 140, and almost the entire membership of Jacques De Molay Commandery is drawn from said Chapter. There is also within the said Templar Jurisdiction five Blue Lodges, having about 400 members.

In the judgment of the Committee this one Chapter of Royal Arch Masons with a membership of 140, is not sufficient to supply enough new blood to sustain two Commanderies, and having given due consideration to all the circumstances, the granting of the petition would not only be prejudicial to Templarism in that vicinity, but would not conduce to the advantage of any of the subordinate Masonic bodies within the Templar Jurisdiction of Jacques De Molay Commandery, No. 3, K. T.

Therefore your Committee would recommend that the prayer of said petitioners be refused.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRED. H. ELY,

WILLIAM M. DONALDSON,

WM. T. SCHOMBERG,

Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

EASTON, May 26, 1897.

BY-LAWS.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report which was, upon motion, received and the Resolutions thereto attached were adopted :

EASTON, PA., May 26, 1897.

To the Rt. Em't Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Penna.

Your Committee on By-Laws would respectfully report that they have examined and approved By-Laws and Amendments to By-Laws of

Mt. Olivet Commandery, No. 30.		
Allegheny	"	35.
Reading	"	42.
Shamokin	"	77.

We recommend that Section 3, Article 7, of Constantine Commandery, No. 41, be amended so that it will read "Any member of the Commandery who shall pay, over and above the amount of his dues, the sum of seventy-five (75) dollars, or if he has been a contributing member for five consecutive years, the sum of fifty (50) dollars over and above all arrearages, shall be constituted a life member, and exempt from all dues, except Grand Commandery and Grand Encampment dues."

Your Committee would respectfully request the adoption of the following Resolutions :

Resolved, That hereafter Recorders be required to furnish the Committee with two copies of proposed By-Laws or Amendments thereto.

Resolved, That the action of this Committee be approved.

Courteously submitted,

ALEXANDER J. H. MACKIE,
for Committee.

FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was, upon motion, received, and the recommendations adopted :

EASTON, PA., May 26, 1897.

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Penna.

Your Committee on Finance courteously reports :

That they have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer, E. Sir John Jay Gilroy, and of the Grand Recorder, R. E. Sir William W. Allen, for the Templar year ending April 30th, 1897, and find them correct.

The Receipts and Expenditures are set forth in detail in their respective reports.

The Books of the Grand Treasurer show balance at last report . .	\$2,620 44
Cash received from Grand Recorder	6,455 00
" " Interest on deposits	54 73
" " Sundries	9 48
Total	<u>\$9,139 65</u>
Less Cash paid out on Orders from May 1st, 1896, to April 30th,	
1897,	<u>\$7,247 42</u>
Balance	\$1,892 23

The estimated income for the Templar year 1897-98, is as follows :

Dues on 11,491 members at 50 cents	\$5,745 50
Fees for Knighting 648 Companions	1,298 00
Assessment, Grand Encampment dues, 11,491 members at 5 cents	574 55
Sale of Tactics and Drill	10 00
Total	<u>\$7,628 05</u>

Your Committee would recommend the following appropriations for the Templar year 1897-98 :

Expenses of Grand Commander	\$600 00
“ Division Commanders	200 00
Annual Donation Masonic Home	300 00
“ Dues “	10 00
Expenses of Conclave at Easton	125 00
Salary of Grand Recorder	1,200 00
Past Grand Commander's Jewel and Shoulder Straps	65 00
Rent of Office, Masonic Temple	500 00
Stationery, including printing of proceedings	700 00
Expenses, Grand Recorder's Office, postage, expressage	200 00
Grand Encampment Assessment	574 55
Mileage and per diem	2,000 00
Total	<u>\$6,474 55</u>

Recapitulation of estimated receipts and expenditures for Templar year 1897-98 :

Balance in Grand Treasurer's hands May 1st, 1897	\$1,892 23
Estimated Receipts, as per statement	7,628 05
	<u>\$9,520 28</u>
Less Appropriations recommended	6,474 55
Estimated balance May 1st, 1898	<u>\$3,045 73</u>

A Tabulated Statement furnished by the Grand Recorder, is appended, which shows the number of members of each Subordinate Commandery at the close of the Templar year, April 30th, 1897, and also shows the amount of Dues, Fees and Assessments to be paid by each Subordinate Commandery for the Templar year ending April 30th, 1897.

Your Committee has considered the recommendations of Grand Commander, Edward B. Spencer; made in his Annual Report at Scranton, May, 1896 ; in reference to an Appropriation to the Local Triennial Committee of Pittsburgh, to assist in defraying expenses incident thereto : and also the Resolution, offered by Deputy Grand Commander, Harry M. Van Zandt, adopted by the Grand Commandery at its session of yesterday, and having thoroughly considered the subject, would Recommend : That an Appro-

priation of \$5,000.00 be made to the Local Committee at Pittsburgh, and an Appropriation of \$5,000.00 be made for the purpose of maintaining Grand Commandery Headquarters and the payment of mileage and per diem of the Past Grand Commanders and the first four Elective Officers of the Grand Commandery.

Your Committee would further Recommend: That for the purpose of raising the above amounts an assessment of 90 cents per Capita be levied on each Subordinate Commandery, the same to be paid on or before May 1st, 1898.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM H. DICKSON,
THOS. P. MERRITT,
HENRY W. SMITH,
FRED'K MÜNCH.

Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Command- ery No.	Member- ship.	Annual Dues.	Fees.	Grand Encamp- ment Assessment.	Total.
1	663	\$331 50	\$70 00	\$33 15	\$434 65
2	490	245 00	36 00	24 50	305 50
3	58	29 00	8 00	2 90	39 90
4	565	282 50	44 00	28 25	354 75
7	69	34 50	. . .	3 45	37 95
8	105	52 50	12 00	5 25	69 75
9	161	80 50	20 00	8 05	108 55
10	189	94 50	18 00	9 45	121 95
11	193	96 50	18 00	9 65	124 15
12	71	35 50	8 00	3 55	47 05
13	230	115 00	8 00	11 50	134 50
14	87	43 50	2 00	4 35	49 85
15	88	44 00	. . .	4 40	48 40
16	127	63 50	24 00	6 35	93 85
17	133	66 50	28 00	6 65	101 15
18	147	73 50	20 00	7 35	100 85
19	215	107 50	26 00	10 75	144 25
20	194	97 00	28 00	9 70	134 70
21	89	44 50	8 00	4 45	56 95
22	172	86 00	20 00	8 60	114 60
23	106	53 00	4 00	5 30	62 30
24	89	44 50	10 00	4 45	58 95
25	85	42 50	18 00	4 25	64 75
26	60	30 00	8 00	3 00	41 00
27	43	21 50	8 00	2 15	31 65
28	63	31 50	4 00	3 15	38 65
29	351	175 50	16 00	17 55	209 05
30	221	110 50	8 00	11 05	129 55
31	79	39 50	14 00	3 95	57 45
32	200	100 00	18 00	10 00	128 00
33	64	32 00	6 00	3 20	41 20
34	69	34 50	2 00	3 45	39 95
35	315	157 50	54 00	15 75	227 25
36	740	370 00	82 00	37 00	489 00
37	71	35 50	12 00	3 55	51 05
38	37	18 50	6 00	1 85	26 35
39	47	23 50	2 00	2 35	27 85
40	132	66 00	28 00	6 60	100 60
41	97	48 50	8 00	4 85	61 35
42	352	176 00	66 00	17 60	259 60
43	86	43 00	24 00	4 30	71 30
44	92	46 00	12 00	4 60	62 60
45	177	88 50	52 00	8 85	149 35
46	80	40 00	12 00	4 00	56 00
47	426	213 00	30 00	21 30	264 30
48	489	244 50	48 00	24 45	316 95
49	92	46 00	12 00	4 60	62 60
50	99	49 50	2 00	4 95	56 45
51	65	32 50	2 00	3 25	37 75
53	473	236 50	46 00	23 65	306 15
54	171	85 50	12 00	8 55	106 05
55	40	20 00	6 00	2 00	28 00
56	44	22 00	4 00	2 20	28 20
57	57	28 50	4 00	2 85	35 35
58	191	95 50	30 00	9 55	135 05
59	177	88 50	36 00	8 85	133 35
60	52	26 00	2 00	2 60	30 60
61	67	33 50	10 00	3 35	46 85
62	70	35 00	14 00	3 50	52 50
63	100	50 00	6 00	5 00	61 00
64	52	26 00	2 00	2 60	30 60
65	60	30 00	2 00	3 00	35 00
66	94	47 00	6 00	4 70	57 70
67	74	37 00	12 00	3 70	52 70
68	76	38 00	20 00	3 80	61 80
69	94	47 00	6 00	4 70	57 70
70	256	128 00	20 00	12 80	160 80
71	87	43 50	6 00	4 35	53 85
72	124	62 00	30 00	6 20	98 20
73	47	23 50	. . .	2 35	25 85
74	81	40 50	18 00	4 05	62 55
75	26	13 00	. . .	1 30	14 30
76	53	26 50	. . .	2 65	29 15
77	52	26 00	40 00	2 60	68 60
Totals.	11,491	\$5,745.50	\$1,298.00	\$574.55	\$7,618.05

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

The Committee on Next Place of Meeting presented the following report, which was, on motion, received and the Recommendation adopted :

EASTON, PA., May 25th, 1897.

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania:

Your Committee on Next Place of Meeting report that they recommend the acceptance of the courteous invitation of the Sir Knights of the city of Harrisburg, Pa., and that the next Annual Grand Conclave be held at that place.

JOS. ALEXANDER, JR.,
GEO. S. SIEGERT,
EDWARD L. BUCK,
Committee.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem presented the following report which was, on motion, received, and Resolution thereto attached adopted:

EASTON, PA., May 26, 1897.

To the R. E. Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania:

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem report that they have computed the mileage and per diem as follows :

Voucher No.		Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.
1	Christian F. Knapp, P. Gr. Com.	\$8 88	\$12 00	\$20 88
2	John Vallerchamp, "	6 42	9 00	15 42
3	Geo. W. Kendrick, Jr., "	4 08	9 00	13 08
4	Joseph Alexander, Jr., "	5 04	9 00	14 04
5	Lee S. Smith, "	21 30	12 00	33 30
6	James H. Coddington, "	11 22	9 00	20 22
7	Irving P. Wanger, "	3 06	6 00	9 06
8	Edward B. Spencer, "	4 08	9 00	13 08
9	Samuel S. Yohe Grand Commander		12 00	12 00
10	Harry M. Van Zandt, Deputy Gr. Com. . . .	6 42	12 00	18 42
11	Henry H. Kuhn, Gr. Generalissimo	16 68	12 00	28 68
12	James B. Youngson, " Capt. General	21 30	12 00	33 30
13	Rev. Thomas N. Boyle, " Prelate	21 30	12 00	33 30
14	Adam H. Schmehl, " Senior Warden	3 18	12 00	15 18

Voucher No.		Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.
15 Thomas F. Penman,	Gr. Junior Warden . .	\$5 04	\$12 00	\$17 04
16 John Jay Gilroy,	" Treasurer	4 08	12 00	16 08
17 William W. Allen,	" Recorder	4 08	12 00	16 08
18 Pennell C. Evans,	" Standard Bearer .		12 00	12 00
19 Joshua L. Lyte,	" Sword Bearer . .	5 28	9 00	14 28
20 Edwin H. Coane,	" Warder	4 08	12 00	16 08
21 John A. Vanderslice,	" Capt. of the Guard	3 60	12 00	15 60
22 William J. Diehl,	" Marshal	21 30	12 00	33 30
23 Samuel W. Wray,	Chm. Com. M. and P. D.	4 08	12 00	16 08
24 Herman Junker,	Em. Com. No. 1 . . .	21 30	12 00	33 30
25 Lewis L. Forbes,	" " 2	4 08	9 00	13 08
26 John C. Bane,	" " 3	23 16	12 00	35 16
27 Harry K. Leech,	" " 4	4 08	9 00	13 08
28 Algernon R. Donahey,	" " 7	24 54	12 00	36 54
29 Niles M. Fissell,	" " 8	7 56	9 00	16 56
30 Charles P. Hoffman,	" " 9	3 18	9 00	12 18
31 Andrew S. Stayer,	" " 10	14 34	9 00	23 34
32 Robert C. Welsh,	" " 11	6 42	9 00	15 42
33 John J. Lewis,	" " 12	8 88	9 00	17 88
34 John R. Kauffman,	" " 13	5 28	9 00	14 28
35 Henry Carter,	" " 14	6 00	9 00	15 00
36 Henry A. Jenks	" " 15	3 60	9 00	12 60
37 John N. Califf,	" " 16	11 22	9 00	20 22
38 William S. Mears,	C. G. " 17 Proxy	5 04	9 00	14 04
39 Silas A. Risher,	E. Com. " 18	19 86	9 00	28 86
40 Morris Kirkpatrick,	" " 19		9 00	9 00
41 John M. Stevens,	" " 20	1 08	6 00	7 08
42 E. Loucks Schroeder,	" " 21	6 72	9 00	15 72
43 Herbert R. Laird,	" " 22	9 66	9 00	18 66
44 Asa R. Beers,	" " 23	2 76	6 00	8 76
45 William T. Atkins,	" " 24	4 86	9 00	13 86
46 George W. Houser,	" " 25	27 06	12 00	39 06
47 William Bagnall,	" " 26	10 08	9 00	19 08
48 John K. Whieldon,	" " 27	7 98	9 00	16 98
49 Wentworth D. Vedder,	" " 28	14 58	9 00	23 58
50 Walter K. Lits,	" " 29	4 08	9 00	13 08
51 Henry E. Fish,	" " 30	26 82	12 00	38 82
52 Heister Reed,	" " 31	3 66	6 00	9 66
53 Abraham H. March,	" " 32	3 06	9 00	12 06
54 William F. Reeder,	" " 33	14 34	9 00	23 34
55 Andrew M. Rambo,	P. E. C. " 34 Proxy	5 94	9 00	14 94
56 Harry S. Beaver,	E. C. " 35	21 30	12 00	33 30

Voucher No.			Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.
57 George Eiler, Jr.,	E. C.	No. 36 . . .	\$4 08	\$9 00	\$13 08
58 William Kase West,	Genl.	" 37 Proxy	9 60	9 00	18 60
59 Robert O'Boyle,	"	" 39 "	4 86	9 00	13 86
60 Frederick H. Ely,	E. C.	" 40 . . .	19 68	12 00	31 68
61 C. G. Miller,	"	" 41 . . .	5 34	9 00	14 34
62 Oscar B. Wetherold,	"	" 42 . . .	3 18	9 00	12 18
63 David Laughlin,	P. E. C.	" 43 Proxy	26 04	12 00	38 04
64 Frank L. Brown,	E. C.	" 45	6 06	9 00	15 06
65 Wm. Franklin Elliot	Gen'l.	" 46 Proxy	14 64	9 00	23 64
66 Francis H. Hemperley,	E. C.	" 47 . . .	4 08	9 00	13 08
67 John T. Cunningham,	"	" 48 . . .	21 30	12 00	33 30
68 Luke H. Frasher,	"	" 49	22 14	12 00	34 14
69 George A. Baird,	"	" 50 . . .	25 32	12 00	37 32
70 Henry Z. Ziegler,	"	" 53 . . .	4 08	9 00	13 08
71 William H. Ziegler,	"	" 54 . . .	4 08	9 00	13 08
72 David Henry Weaver,	C. G.	" 55 Proxy	7 44	9 00	16 44
73 John C. Gerbig,	E. C.	" 56 . . .	9 54	9 00	18 54
74 V. M. Carpenter,	"	" 57 . . .	6 60	9 00	15 60
75 Wm. P. Eckels,	"	" 58 . . .	21 24	12 00	33 24
76 John H. Armstrong,	C. G.	" 59 Proxy	21 30	12 00	33 30
77 Robert W. Bannatyne.	E. C.	" 60 . . .	7 98	9 00	16 98
78 John J. Jones,	P. E. C.	" 61 Proxy	16 68	9 00	25 68
79 Edgar E. Seavy,	E. C.	" 62 . . .	24 30	12 00	36 30
80 Wm. H. Davis,	Gen'l.	" 63 Proxy	22 86	12 00	34 86
81 Judson W. Stone,	E. C.	" 64 . . .	12 06	9 00	21 06
82 James R. Patton,	Gen'l.	" 65 Proxy	11 70	9 00	20 70
83 Robert P. Mercer,	P. E. C.	" 66 Proxy	4 92	9 00	13 92
84 Joseph P. Dickey,	E. C.	" 67 . . .	28 56	12 00	40 56
85 Charles S. Seamans,	"	" 68 . . .	5 04	9 00	14 04
86 Walter Scott,	Gen'l.	" 70 Proxy	4 08	9 00	13 08
87 Martin B. Cookerow,	E. C.	" 71 . . .	4 26	6 00	10 26
88 Charles M. Barthburger,	"	" 72 . . .	21 30	12 00	33 30
89 Jeremiah McAvoy,	"	" 73 . . .	4 08	6 00	10 08
90 Wm. F. Holt,	"	" 74 . . .	16 02	9 00	25 02
91 N. Sargent Ross,	"	" 75 . . .	6 66	9 00	15 66
92 Homer E. Spencer,	"	" 76 . . .	8 40	9 00	17 40
93 Geo. W. Robertson,	"	" 77 . . .	7 02	9 00	16 02
94 Henry Z. Ziegler, Glmo. No. 53, Scranton, not issued last year			9 84	12 00	21 84
			<u>\$973.38</u>	<u>\$930</u>	<u>\$1,903.38</u>

Resolved, That the Committee be and they are hereby authorized to draw vouchers for mileage amounting to \$973.38, and for per diem amounting to \$930, as above stated. Total \$1,903.38.

SAMUEL W. WRAY,
WM. H. BITTING,
CHARLES CARY,
Committee.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented a report which was, on motion, referred to the Grand Officers, with power to print.

PRINTING AND PUBLISHING.

The Committee on Printing and Publishing presented the following report, which was, on motion, received and the resolution thereto attached adopted:

EASTON, PA., May 25th, 1897.

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania:

SIR KNIGHTS:

Your Committee on Printing and Publishing beg leave to report that they have examined and approved bills for printing and stationery amounting to \$722.76, being \$22.76 in excess of the appropriation made by the Grand Commandery for the Templar year ending on April 30th, 1897.

We respectfully offer the following resolution, and ask for its adoption, viz.:

Resolved, That the action of the Committee on Printing and Publishing be approved.

Courteously submitted,
CHARLES CARY,
For Committee.

CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following members present :

No. 1—Pittsburgh.

Herman Junker, E. C.

Eli Edmundson, Jr., G.; Matthew M. Felker, C. G.; *Herman Junker, proxy.*

Past Commander—Joseph G. Morris.

No. 2—Philadelphia.

Lewis L. Forbes, E. C.

William C. Matchett, G.; *Lewis L. Forbes, proxy.*

Past Commanders—Louis Wagner, George W. Kendrick, Jr., P. G. C.; Frank M. Highley, Robert J. Linden, Samuel W. Rudolph.

No. 3—Jacques de Molay.

John C. Bane, E. C.

Workman Hughes, Jr., G.; *John C. Bane, proxy.*

Past Commanders—James W. Rothwell, John K. McMillan, George A. Carstens, Grattan G. Best, H. James A. Finley, William G. Gibson, Philo V. Paul, William F. Borchers.

No. 4—St. John's.

Harry K. Leech, E. C.

Lewis Bremer, G.; George H. Banes, C. G.

Past Commanders—William H. Dickson, Philip C. Shaffer, John Jay Gilroy, G. T., Harry I. McIntire, Jr., Gustave R. Schaefer.

No. 7—St. Omer.

Algernon B. Donahey, E. C.

Rinard R. Bulger, G.; *Algernon B. Donahey, proxy*; John W. Worrell, C. G.; *Algernon B. Donahey, proxy.*

Past Commanders—William Chatland, P. G. C. G.; Daniel H. Pearsall.

No. 8—St. John's.

Niles M. Fissell, E. C.

Samuel S. Bixler, G.; Thomas J. Parmley, C. G.; *Niles M. Fissell, proxy.*

Past Commanders—Winfield S. Schroder, Edgar S. Manning.

No. 9—De Molay.

Charles P. Hoffman, E. C.

Nevin M. Davis, C. G.

Past Commanders—Charles A. Saylor, John E. Hill, Albert R. Hoover, George F. Hagenman, Charles G. Wilson, C. H. Krause.

No. 10—Mountain.

Andrew S. Stayer, E. C.

George F. Jackson, G.; Henry Oscar Kline, C. G.; *Andrew S. Stayer, proxy.*

Past Commander—William T. Schomberg.

No. 11—Pilgrim.

Robert C. Welsh, E. C.

Joseph Pomeroy, G.; Clark E. Diehl, C. G.

Past Commanders—John Vallerchamp, P. G. C., William M. Donaldson, Owen M. Copelin.

No. 12—Crusade.

John J. Lewis, E. C.

Cortez B. Robbins, G.; *John J. Lewis, proxy*; John Reece Townsend, C. G.; *C. F. Knapp, proxy.*

Past Commander—Christian Fred. Knapp, P. G. C.

No. 13—Lancaster.

John R. Kauffman, E. C.

Richard C. Rose, G.; *Joshua L. Lyte, proxy*; J. Frederick Fisher, C. G.; *Joshua L. Lyte, proxy.*

Past Commander—Joshua L. Lyte.

No. 14—Palestine.

Henry Carter, E. C.

Samuel T. Sly, G.; *Henry Carter, proxy*; Frank Roemmelmeyer, C. G.

Past Commanders—David R. Nicol, Sanford J. Engle, William H. Hollenbeck, Silas A. McMullen.

No. 15—Jerusalem.

Henry A. Jenks, E. C.

Albert M. Sower, G.; *Henry A. Jenks, proxy.*

Past Commanders—Addison S. Vanderslice, Irvin M. Buckwalter, John A. Vanderslice, G. C. of G., William H. Bitting, Samuel M. Plush.

No. 16—Northern.

John N. Califf, E. C.

Herbert S. Putnam, G.; *Lester R. Frost, proxy*; C. Manville Pratt, C. G.; *Lester R. Frost, proxy*.

Past Commanders—James Hodge Coddington, P. G. C., Mahlon M. Spalding, Lester R. Frost.

No. 17—Coeur de Lion.

Charles W. Gunster, E. C.; *William S. Mears, proxy*.

Arja Williams, G.; *William S. Mears, proxy*; William S. Mears, C. G.

Past Commanders—Edward L. Buck, Charles B. Derman, Charles D. Sanderson, Frank S. Barker.

No. 18—Kedron.

Silas A. Risher, E. C.

Hilary S. Brunot, G.; *Silas A. Risher, proxy*; James Cochran, C. G.; *Silas A. Risher, proxy*.

No. 19—Hugh de Payens.

Morris Kirkpatrick, E. C.

William S. Semple, C. G.

Past Commanders—Theodore Oliver, William A. Ashmore, John A. Weaver, Amos Dinkey, George S. Siegert, Samuel S. Yohe, G. C., Clinton Hilliard, Robert H. Lerch, William H. King, George E. Sciple, Albert R. Dunn, Robert A. Middaugh, John F. Gwinner, Henry Weidknecht, Pennell C. Evans, G. S. B.

No. 20—Allen.

John M. Stevens, E. C.

Wellington H. Snyder, G.; Frank W. Martenis, C. G.

Past Commanders—William F. Schlechter, Charles H. Neisser, Daniel Z. Walker.

No. 21—York.

E. Loucks Schroeder, E. C.

Richard Ellis Cochran, G.; *E. Loucks Schroeder, proxy*.

Past Commander—Charles M. Stock.

No. 22—Baldwin II.

Herbert R. Laird, E. C.

James B. Krause, G.; Truman P. Reitmeyer, C. G.

Past Commanders—William Randall Prior, F. Hiram Kellar, William N. Jones, William M. Dietrich, Daniel Bailey Else, William L. Parker, John F. Laedlein, Joseph W. Mussina, Joseph T. Long, William H. Bloom, Alexander Beede, John Paul Suess, Timothy S. Clark, John K. Hayes, William T. Corson, William F. Dean.

No. 23—Packer.

Asa R. Beers, E. C.

William L. Yaeger, G.; *William R. Butler, proxy*; Richard S. Ruddie, C. G.; *William R. Butler, proxy*.

Past Commanders—Eugene H. Blakslee, Laird H. Barber, John H. Heckman, Charles E. Foster, Elwood M. Kuntz, Charles A. Blakslee, William R. Butler.

No. 24—Hermit.

William T. Atkins, E. C.

Past Commanders—John D. Brown, John K. Raudenbush.

No. 25—Northwestern.

George W. Houser, E. C.

Otto Kohler, G.; *George W. Houser, proxy*; Emmett W. McArthur, C. G.; *George W. Houser, proxy*.

No. 26—Lewistown.

William Bagnall, E. C.

John A. Junkin, G.; *William Bagnall, proxy*; James W. Wagner, C. G.

Past Commanders—Henry R. Zerbe, Harry M. Van Zandt, D. G. C., Henry A. Felix, William Fox Eckbert, Jr., George B. M. Arnold.

No. 27—Great Bend.

John K. Whieldon, E. C.

Charles M. Shelf, G.; *John K. Whieldon, proxy*; Burton C. Raitt, C. G.; *John K. Whieldon, proxy*.

No. 28—Tyagaghton.Fred. W. Siemens, E. C.; *Wentworth D. Vedder, proxy*.

Frank A. Deans, G.; *Wentworth D. Vedder, proxy*; Gilbert H. Tremain, C. G.; *Wentworth D. Vedder, proxy*.

Past Commander—Wentworth D. Vedder.

No. 29—Kadosh.

Walter K. Lits, E. C.

Joseph L. R. Whetstone, G.; *Joseph L. Mann, proxy*; Christian Biederbeck, C. G.; *Joseph L. Mann, proxy*.

Past Commanders—Samuel Wheaton Wray, Stockton Bates, George D. Maull, Alexander J. H. Mackie, Charles Chipman, Joseph L. Mann, John Lunn.

No. 30—Mt. Olivet.

Henry E. Fish, E. C.

Joseph H. Williams, G.; *Henry E. Fish, proxy*; Homer M. Hill, C. G.; *Henry E. Fish, proxy*.

Past Commanders—Peter Barkey, David A. Sawdey.

No. 31—Ivanhoe.

Heister Reed, E. C.

Joshua D. Jones, G.; Thomas L. Thomas, C. G.

Past Commanders—Thomas L. Hess, Isaac Y. Sollenberger, George F. Brendel, Phaon Hermeny, John Holland, Robert Littlehales, John W. Hardley, Alfred Palmer.

No. 32—Hutchinson.

Abraham H. March, E. C.

Matthias L. March, G.; George W. Watt, C. G.

Past Commanders—John Slingluff, John C. Richardson, Thomas J. Baker, Thaddeus S. Adle, Irving P. Wanger, P. G. C., Wallace Boyer, William F. Slingluff, William E. Perry, Samuel D. Crawford, B. Frank Dewees, W. Henry Sutton, William A. Bunting, Lewis G. Stritzinger, Frank Roop, Wilson D. Althouse, Oliver F. Lenhardt.

No. 33—Constans.

William F. Reeder, E. C.

Robert G. H. Hayes, G.; *William F. Reeder, proxy*; George T. Bush, C. G.; *William F. Reeder, proxy*.

No. 34—Cyrene.

Isaac S. Geist, E. C.; *Andrew M. Rambo, proxy*.

William Frederick Maulick, G.; *Andrew M. Rambo, proxy*; John David Henderson, C. G.; *Andrew M. Rambo, proxy*.

Past Commander—Andrew M. Rambo.

No. 35—Allegheny.

Harry S. Beaver, E. C.

John K. Davis, G.; *Harry S. Beaver, proxy.*

Past Commander—Lee Stewart Smith, P. G. C.

No. 36—Mary.

George Eiler, Jr., E. C.

Alfred K. Gregory, G.; Frank C. Price, C. G.

Past Commanders—William H. Burkhart, John H. Dye, Alexander McCune, Ezra S. Bartlett, Charles W. Packer, Albert Robinson, Fred. Münch, William J. Milligan, William McCoach.

No. 37—Calvary.

Charles Pusey, E. C.; *William Kase West, proxy.*

William Kase West, G.; Charles P. Hancock, C. G.

No. 39—Prince of Peace.

J. Walter Price, E. C.; *Robert O'Boyle, proxy.*

Robert O'Boyle, G.

Past Commander—Samuel E. Bergstresser.

No. 40—Knapp.

Frederick H. Ely, E. C.

John G. Whitmore, G.; *Frederick H. Ely, proxy*; Alonzo M. Ent, C. G.; *Frederick H. Ely, proxy.*

No. 41—Constantine.

C. George Miller, E. C.

James R. Henderson, G.; *C. G. Miller, proxy*; William S. Thomas, C. G.; *C. G. Miller, proxy.*

Past Commander—Hiester S. Albright.

No. 42—Reading.

Oscar B. Wetherold, E. C.

William H. Kessler, G.; Samuel E. Nies, C. G.; *Oscar B. Wetherold, proxy.*

Past Commanders—Frederick P. Heller, George E. Haak, Thomas E. Weber, Gustavus A. Schlechter, John Barbey, Thomas P. Merritt, Samuel B. Keppel, J. William Jost, Adam H. Schmehl, G. S. W., John B. Renninger, Daniel J. Hendel, George C. Wilson, Sr., David T. Schmehl.

No. 43—Talbot.

Charles H. Lay, Jr., E. C.; *David Laughlin, proxy.*

Clarence W. Coulter, G.; *David Laughlin, proxy*; Henry Fritz, C. G.; *David Laughlin, proxy.*

Past Commander—David Laughlin.

No. 45—Dieu le Veut.

Frank L. Brown, E. C.

Frank Dietrick, G.; Warren R. Bowman, C. G.

Past Commanders—Joseph J. Moyer, Robert K. Laycock, David O. McCollum, Fred. W. Tyrrell.

No. 46—Hospitaller.

Kimball D. Batchelor, E. C.; *Wm. Franklin Elliott, proxy.*

Wm. Franklin Elliott, G.; John D. Tinsley, C. G.; *Wm. Franklin Elliott, proxy.*

No. 47—St. Alban.

Francis H. Hemperley, E. C.

A. G. Criswell Smith, G.; Alfred J. Wilkinson, C. G.

Past Commanders—William W. Allen, P. G. C., G. R., Edwin H. Coane, G. W., John R. McFetridge, Isaac A. Cleaver, Henry W. Smith, Robert F. Mustin, Jr., John D. Carlile.

No. 48—Tancred.

John T. Cunningham, E. C.

George T. Ghriest, G.; *John T. Cunningham, proxy*; Samuel W. Hill, C. G.; *John T. Cunningham, proxy.*

No. 49—Uniontown.

Luke H. Frasher, E. C.

John D. Carr, G.; *Luke H. Frasher, proxy*; Henry S. Detweiler, C. G.; *Luke H. Frasher, proxy.*

No. 50—Rebecca.

George A. Baird, E. C.

Frederick W. Koehler, G.; *George A. Baird, proxy*; Gottlieb F. Fisher, C. G.; *George A. Baird, proxy.*

Past Commander—John C. Owsley.

No. 53—Corinthian "Chasseur."

Henry Z. Ziegler, E. C.

Henry Gilbert Bruner, G.; Alfred Weldon, C. G.

Past Commanders—Edward B. Spencer, P. G. C., Charles Carey, Edward Perry, Oliver S. Hemphill, N. Ferree Lightner, William Coleman, Richard W. Deaver, Franklin P. Mason, John O'Donnell.

No. 54—Kensington.

William H. Ziegler, E. C.

Edwin S. Titus, G.; Joseph Crockett, C. G.

Past Commanders—Stephen C. Fraley, Isaac Albertson, George W. Marter, John F. Rau, William H. R. Lukens, Joseph L. Tull.

No. 55—Centennial.

William L. Meguigan, E. C.; *David Henry Weaver, proxy.*

John Wesley Riday, G.; *David Henry Weaver, proxy*; David Henry Weaver, C. G.

Past Commanders—Frank B. Speakman, Morris E. Shields.

No. 56—Continental.

John C. Gerbig, E. C.

John K. Britton, G.; *John C. Gerbig, proxy*; Garnet Gehr, C. G.; *John C. Gerbig, proxy.*

Past Commander—D. Maurice Wertz.

No. 57—Wyoming Valley.

V. M. Carpenter, E. C.

James Ryan, G.; *V. M. Carpenter, proxy*; W. Oscar Walborn, C. G.; *V. M. Carpenter, proxy.*

Past Commanders—Alexander McDougall, William L. McDougall, Hubert D. Judd.

No. 58—Trinity.

Wm. Plimpton Eckels, E. C.

Past Commander—John Ley.

No. 59—Ascalon.

T. W. Jones, E. C.; *John H. Armstrong, proxy.*

Charles F. Foster, G.; *John H. Armstrong, proxy*; John H. Armstrong, C. G.

Past Commanders—Thomas N. Boyle, G. P., D. Gale French, Charles F. Sheriff, Willard E. McCarthy.

No. 60—Temple.

Robert W. Bannatyne, E. C.

George S. Baldwin, G.; *Robert W. Bannatyne, proxy*; Dexter W. Stark, C. G.; *Robert W. Bannatyne, proxy.*

Past Commander—Frank H. Piatt.

No. 61—Oriental.

George W. Wagoner, E. C.; *John J. Jones, proxy.*

John Pendry, Jr., G.; *John J. Jones, proxy*; George W. Thompson, C. G.; *John J. Jones, proxy.*

Past Commanders—Henry H. Kuhn, G. G., John J. Jones.

No. 62—Lawrence.

Edgar E. Seavy, E. C.

Herbert D. McGown, G.; *Edgar E. Seavy, proxy*; Charles P. Shaw, C. G. *Edgar E. Seavy, proxy.*

Past Commander—John C. Wallace.

No. 63—Warren.

W. L. MacGowan, E. C.; *William H. Davis, proxy.*

William H. Davis, G.; D. F. A. Wheelock, C. G.; *William H. Davis, proxy.*

No. 64—Canton.

Judson W. Stone, E. C.

William C. Crippen, G.; *Judson W. Stone, proxy*; Sisten Bliss, C. G.; *Judson W. Stone, proxy.*

No. 65—Huntingdon.

William L. Johnston, E. C.; *James R. Patton, proxy.*

James R. Patton, G.; Josiah C. Hall, C. G.; *James R. Patton, proxy.*

Past Commander—Harry W. Read.

No. 66—Chester.

Edward Nothnagle, E. C.; *Robert P. Mercer, proxy.*

Joseph A. J. Compton, G.; *Robert P. Mercer, proxy*; Robert J. Knott, C. G.; *Robert P. Mercer, proxy.*

Past Commanders—Robert P. Mercer, Stacy G. Glauser.

No. 67—Mt. Calvary.

Joseph P. Dickey, E. C.

Thomas C. Gibson, G.; *Joseph P. Dickey, proxy*; Cyrus W. Achre, C. G.; *Joseph P. Dickey, proxy.*

No. 68—Melita.

Charles S. Seamans, E. C.

Judson B. Woolsey, G.; *Charles S. Seamans, proxy*; James S. Porteris, C. G.; *Charles S. Seamans, proxy.*

Past Commanders—Joseph Alexander, Jr., P. G. C., John W. Dusenbury, Thomas F. Penman, G. J. W., Andrew J. Colborn, Jr.

No. 70—Pennsylvania.

Harry M. Russell, E. C.; *Walter Scott, proxy.*

Walter Scott, G.; Peter V. Guerry, C. G.; *Walter Scott, proxy.*

Past Commanders—William C. Roth, John A. W. Gross, Thomas W. Jenkins.

No. 71—Nativity.

Martin B. Cookerow, E. C.

Jacob S. Bahr, G.; *Martin B. Cookerow, proxy*; Augustus B. Miller, C. G.; *Martin B. Cookerow, proxy.*

Past Commanders—Theodore B. Miller, T. Darlington Buckwalter.

No. 72—Duquesne.

Charles M. Barthberger, E. C.

Robert B. Ward, G.; *C. M. Barthberger, proxy*; Samuel W. Jefferis, C. G.; *C. M. Barthberger, proxy.*

Past Commander—William J. Diehl.

No. 73—Mt. Vernon.

Jeremiah McAvoy, E. C.

Thomas A. Harris, G.; Hiram P. Kuntz, C. G.

Past Commanders—William F. Adams, John W. Crellin.

No. 74—Moshannon.

William F. Holt, E. C.

Thomas J. Lee, G.; *William F. Holt, proxy.*

No. 75—Gethsemane.

N. Sargent Ross, E. C.

J. Frank Small, C. G.; *N. Sargent Ross, proxy.*

Past Commanders—Edward M. Vandersloot, Harry E. Buckingham.

No. 76—St. Andrew's.

Homer E. Spencer, E. C.

Henry F. Mauzer, G.; *Homer E. Spencer, proxy*; Charles Sabin, C. G.; *Homer E. Spencer, proxy.*

No. 77—Shamokin.

George W. Robertson, E. C.

John F. Osler, G.; Christian J. Lessig, C. G.

Past Commanders—Daniel D. Heim, Ambrose G. Haas.

A motion was made to reconsider the vote by which the Resolution "omitting the Baldric from the uniform of Commanders and Past Commanders," was postponed until next Annual Conclave. The motion was adopted.

A vote being then taken upon the motion to postpone ; the same was lost.

The question then recurring to the original motion, the Resolution for the Eminent Commanders and Past Commanders to dispense with the Baldric was adopted.

The following Resolution was introduced by E. Sir Francis H. Hemperley, and adopted by a rising vote, the Sir Knights being uncovered :

Resolved, That this Grand Commandery send, by telegraph, its heartfelt sympathy to our beloved Past Grand Commander, R. E. Sir Joseph S. Wright, now lying seriously ill at Denver, Colorado.

The following Resolution was introduced and upon motion adopted :

Resolved, That the consideration of suitable Tactics for adoption by this Grand Commandery, be referred to the first four Officers, to report at the next Annual Conclave.

Upon motion, the R. E. Grand Commander and the Grand Recorder, were requested to prepare a suitable minute relative to the death of Past Grand Commander, R. E. Sir Anthony E. Stocker.

ANNUAL ELECTION.

The hour for holding the Annual election having arrived, tellers were appointed and the Grand Commandery proceeded with the election for Grand Officers, the tellers reporting the following result :

Harry M. Van Zandt, R. E. Grand Commander.
 Henry H. Kuhn, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
 James B. Youngson, E. Grand Generalissimo.
 Adam H. Schmehl, E. Grand Captain-General.
 Rev. Thomas N. Boyle, E. Grand Prelate.
 Thomas F. Penman, E. Grand Senior Warden.
 Ezra S. Bartlett, E. Grand Junior Warden.
 John Jay Gilroy, E. Grand Treasurer.
 William W. Allen, E. Grand Recorder.

The R. E. Grand Commander-elect was pleased to announce the following appointments :

E. Sir William Fox Eckbert, E. Grand Standard Bearer.
 E. Sir John C. Wallace, E. Grand Sword Bearer.
 E. Sir Frederick Münch, E. Grand Warder.
 E. Sir Peter Barkey, E. Grand Captain of the Guard.
 E. Sir Owen M. Copelin, E. Grand Marshal.
 Sir Monroe A. Althouse, Grand Herald.

The Grand Commandery, having completed its business, adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M., to meet in the Abel Opera House for the purpose of installing its Officers.

Sam. V. Phe
Grand Commander.

ATTEST:



Wm. W. Allen

Grand Recorder.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The Grand Commandery assembled at 2 o'clock P. M., in the Abel Opera House in the presence of a large number of Sir Knights, ladies and gentlemen, when the following programme was observed :

Overture—Crown Diamonds, Auber
Easton Band, of Easton, Pa.

Presentation of Grand Officers.

Vow of Office.

Te Deum— Rutenberg
Choir.

Installation of Grand Commander.

Address by Grand Commander.

Right Eminent Sir, Sir Knights, Ladies and Gentlemen :

The music for awhile has ceased and the tread of the valiant Knight is a matter of the great yesterday. The tide of music's harmony that has swept wave after wave over your charmed senses is at rest. Although to ears like yours, words must now sound cold and dull and formal, yet on an occasion like this, something must be spoken, and that part of the ceremony, in obedience to the time-honored custom, has fallen upon me as your Grand Commander. It is meant to be but an interlude and shall be a brief one.

I am deeply conscious of the great responsibility now resting upon me and I can assure you that I bear in mind the greatness of the honor, and am sensible to the claims of gratitude that are due from me in being elevated to this truly Knightly dignity.

To be called by you to preside over the deliberations of this grand and courteous body, as well as to be the Commander of more than eleven thousand Knights Templar, comprising the Grand and constituent Commanderies of this Jurisdiction, is to

assume a position in which my weakness must be made too apparent by your own Knightly strength.

As your Commander, I desire to discharge the duties of this office and meet its responsibilities with an eye single to the fullest measure of success, and I well know that this can only be accomplished by the enthusiastic support and the loving encouragement of each Sir Knight. I promise you in the discharge of these duties to be honest, faithful and earnest ; to have within me no selfish thought of honor or personal aggrandizement, but with the aid and assistance of the Great Captain of our Salvation to do my duty fearlessly and to the best of my ability.

The story of the Red Cross Knight, Knight of St. John, Hospitaller and Templar is, I assume, familiar matter to you all. The pathway of their history is broad, well marked and has ofttimes been traveled. How, to alleviate the dangers and distresses, to which devout worshippers and pilgrims to Jerusalem were exposed, "Nine noble gentlemen," who had distinguished themselves at siege and capture, formed a holy Brotherhood in arms, and entered into a most holy compact to aid each other in clearing the highways and protecting the pilgrims through the passes and defiles of the mountains to the Holy City ; how, these "Poor Fellow Soldiers of Jesus Christ" as their good deeds became known, were patronized and how, they increased in numbers ; how, they were assigned a place in one of the temples of the city of Jerusalem and on that account were known as "Knights of the Temple," and how, by reason of their warlike deeds and their "desirable adherence" they eventually became entrusted with the defence of the Christian Church of the East and Jerusalem, the Holy City, the Mecca of the weary pilgrim traveling from afar.

Since then unnumbered millions of men have lived and died and their very existence is forgotten. The dry leaves

that fell last autumn, and were whirled away by the winter's blast are not more utterly lost than are they. And yet the world is not unthankful. To every one that serves it, it returns some token of its gratitude, but on those who have given to it new store of high and ennobling thought, purpose and illustrious example, who have touched the fountain of generous emotions that lie deep in men's hearts, who have helped to make life brighter, more joyous, more forgiving, more loving and more God-like; upon those, its best and truest benefactors, mankind, from the fullness of its great heart of hearts pours out the richest treasure of its love. They are never forgotten; empires may fall, dynasties perish, great cities crumble into ruin and not a trace of their existence remain; wealth and all the splendid forms of civilization it creates and destroys, may pass as the wind away, but the great lords of the empire of thought, purpose and example; the chieftains who have led the march of minds onward and upward into realms of purer happiness, never wholly die. Time itself becomes the guardian of their fame and unharmed amid the wreck of ages, untouched by stain or decay, their memory lasts forever, fresh and fair in the souls of men.

A word and I have finished. Be ye faithful among yourselves, for this is earliest Masonic teaching. Calumniate no man, but "do to him as you yourself would be done by;" if a Brother shall have failed in his engagement, help him to repair his fault; for do we not read in earliest Masonic manuscript:

"If he this craft well know, that sees his fellow hew on a stone,
And in point to spoil that stone;
Amend it soon, if that thou can, and teach him then it to amend,
That the whole work be not y-schende."

I charge you "To thine own self be true, and it must follow as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man."

Remember that this Order has been founded on the Christian Religion and the practice of the Christian Virtues. "It does not obtrude itself on the Christian Church, it neither seeks to supplant it, or offer itself as its rival; it does not claim to enter the Holy of Holies and interpret between the soul and its God; nor with unsandaled feet to minister at the altar in the worship of the heart. While it prescribes no religious creed for its votaries and tolerates all sects in religion, it inscribes on its banners the Cross as the emblem of its faith, and accepts as the only true ideal of a Christian Knight, the life of the Immanuel, flowering out at every step with tenderest pity and love, and manifesting its graciousness in those ministrations of kindness, courtesy and beneficence, which renders the history of Jesus Christ transcendently the most wonderful of all ages. Its sphere is in the world, with the men of the world, to teach, enforce and illustrate the practices of virtue. It seeks to purify and elevate the morals to the high standard set by the Immaculate One, who it ever holds forth as the true exemplar. It teaches courage, fortitude, constancy, hospitality, courtesy, charity, justice, temperance, truth, mercy, meekness and humility. These cardinal virtues are impressively illustrated and enforced in all the forms and ceremonies as the solid foundation of character and the source of all those graces which round off life."

Its sweet teachings have traveled far and wide and have brought solace and comfort and joy to the world; they have cheered the exile in his lonely hut, the sailor on the fore-castle in the storm, around the soldier's bivouac fire their memories have made the long night pass in happiness away, touching every chord of human feeling, sometimes as full of mystic sadness as is the pale moonbeam, again as gladsome as the summer's breeze that toys with the rose and dances on

the ripple of the sunlit sea. Ah! Masonry, can I well exclaim :

“The bridegroom may forget the bride
 ’Twas made his wedded wife yestreen;
 The monarch may forget the crown
 That on his head an hour has been;
 The mother may forget the child
 That smiles sae sweetly on her knee;
 But I’ll remember thee Glencairn,
 And a’ that thou hast done for me.”

Selection—Beggar Student, Wiegand
 Band.

Installation of Deputy Grand Commander, Grand
 Generalissimo and Grand Captain-General.

Gloria in Excelsis— Buckley
 Choir.

Installation of remaining Grand Officers.

Solo—Christ the Pilgrim, Blumenthal
 Mr. Albert Rute.

Proclamation by Grand Marshal.

Charge by Grand Prelate.

Doxology—Old Hundred, By Audience, Standing.

March—Garde du Corps, Hall
 Band.

The Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder, having been re-elected, were not installed.

The following are the appointments of the R. E. Grand Commander for the Templar year 1897--1898 :

COMMITTEES.

Doings of Grand Officers.

- R. E. Sir JAMES H. CODDING, P. G. C., *Chairman.*
 " TORRENCE C. HIPPLE, P. G. C.,
 " LEE S. SMITH, P. G. C.,
 " IRVING P. WANGER, P. G. C.,
 " SAMUEL S. YOHE, P. G. C.

Charters and Dispensations.

- R. E. Sir TORRENCE C. HIPPLE, P. G. C., *Chairman.*
 E. Sir ROBERT J. LINDEN,
 " WILLIAM H. DENLINGER,
 " JOHN M. SCHRAM,
 " THOMAS L. HESS.

By-Laws.

- R. E. Sir EDWARD B. SPENCER, P. G. C., *Chairman.*
 E. Sir ALEXANDER J. H. MACKIE,
 " ARTHUR H. WOODWARD,
 " EDWARD M. VANDERSLOOT,
 " BENJAMIN F. IRVING.

Finance.

- R. E. Sir SAMUEL S. YOHE, P. G. C., *Chairman.*
 E. Sir HENRY W. SMITH,
 " THOMAS P. MERRITT,
 " WILLIAM M. DONALDSON,
 " CURT G. CAMPBELL.

Grievances and Appeals.

- R. E. Sir ANDREW J. KAUFFMAN, P. G. C., *Chairman.*
 “ DEWITT C. CARROLL, P. G. C.,
 “ JOHN VALLERCHAMP, P. G. C.,
 “ CHRISTIAN F. KNAPP, P. G. C.,
 “ TORRENCE C. HIPPLE, P. G. C.

Next Place of Meeting.

- R. E. Sir JOSEPH ALEXANDER, JR., P. G. C., *Chairman.*
 E. Sir SIMON H. WALKER,
 “ JOHN H. SHOPP,
 “ JOSEPH G. MORRIS,
 “ DAVID O. McCOLLUM.

Unfinished Business.

- R. E. Sir IRVING P. WANGER, P. G. C., *Chairman.*
 E. Sir PHILIP C. SHAFFER,
 “ WILLIAM J. DIEHL,
 “ CHARLES G. WILLSON,
 “ AMOS DINKEY.

Mileage and Per Diem.

- E. Sir SAMUEL W. WRAY, *Chairman.*
 “ N. FERREE LIGHTNER,
 “ CHARLES L. TRACY,
 “ THADDEUS S. ADLE,
 “ J. BRUA HOYER.

Templar Jurisprudence.

- R. E. Sir JOHN P. S. GOBIN, P. G. M., *Chairman.*
 “ JAMES H. HOPKINS, P. G. M.,
 “ SAMUEL B. DICK, P. G. C.,
 “ JAMES H. CODDING, P. G. C.,
 “ ROBERT PITCAIRN, P. G. C.

Foreign Correspondence.

R. E. Sir LEE S. SMITH, P. G. C., *Chairman.*

E. Sir EDGAR A. TENNIS,
 “ CHARLES M. STOCK,
 “ LAIRD H. BARBER,
 “ SOLYMAN M. BUCK.

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E. Sir CHARLES CARY, *Chairman.*

“ FRANK M. HIGHLEY,
 “ JOHN McLAIN,
 “ ABRAM HESS,
 “ ANDREW M. RAMBO.

Credentials.

E. Sir WINFIELD S. SCHRODER, *Chairman.*

“ JAMES A. C. CLARKSON,
 “ HARRY W. READ.

Representative to the Masonic Home.

E. Sir M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ.

DIVISION COMMANDERS.

Division
No.

1. E. Sir Ezra S. Bartlett, E. Grand Junior Warden, Philadelphia. Commanderies Nos. 2, 4, 29, 36, 47, 53, 54, 70, Philadelphia ; 66, Chester.

2. E. Sir James B. Youngson, E. Grand Generalissimo, Pittsburgh. Commanderies Nos. 1, 48, 59, 72, Pittsburgh ; 35, Allegheny.

3. E. Sir Samuel M. Plush, Phoenixville. Commanderies Nos. 15, Phoenixville ; 32, Norristown ; 55, Coatesville ; 71, Pottstown.

4. E. Sir John A. Weaver, Easton. Commanderies Nos. 19, Easton ; 20, Allentown ; 23, Mauch Chunk ; 73, Hazleton.
5. E. Sir Frank McSparren, Erie. Commanderies Nos. 25, Meadville ; 30, Erie ; 38, Titusville ; 51, Corry ; 63, Warren.
6. E. Sir John C. Owsley, Sharon. Commanderies Nos. 43, Oil City ; 44, Franklin ; 50, Sharon ; 62, New Castle ; 67, Greenville.
7. E. Sir Charles L. Wheeler, Bradford. Commanderies Nos. 40, Ridgway ; 58, Bradford ; 69, Coudersport.
8. E. Sir Daniel B. Else, Williamsport. Commanderies Nos. 22, Williamsport ; 46, Lock Haven ; 77, Shamokin.
9. E. Sir Lester R. Frost, Towanda. Commanderies Nos. 16, Towanda ; 28, Wellsboro ; 64, Canton.
10. E. Sir Owen M. Copelin, Grand Marshal, Harrisburg. Commanderies Nos. 8, Carlisle ; 11, Harrisburg ; 24, Lebanon ; 26, Lewistown ; 56, Chambersburg.
11. E. Sir Wilson I. Fleming, Bellefonte. Commanderies Nos. 33, Bellefonte ; 65, Huntingdon ; 74, Phillipsburg.
12. E. Sir Adam H. Schmehl, E. Grand Captain-General, Reading. Commanderies Nos. 9, 42, Reading ; 31, Tamaqua ; 39, Ashland ; 41, Pottsville.
13. E. Sir Joshua L. Lyte, Lancaster. Commanderies Nos. 13, Lancaster ; 21, 75, York ; 34, Columbia.
14. V. E. Sir Henry H. Kuhn, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, Johnstown. Commanderies Nos. 3, Washington ; 7, Brownsville ; 10, Altoona ; 18, Greensburg ; 49, Uniontown ; 61, Johnstown.
15. E. Sir Thomas F. Penman, E. Grand Senior Warden, Scranton. Commanderies Nos. 14, Carbondale ; 17, 68, Scranton ; 27, Great Bend ; 76, Susquehanna.

16. E. Sir Frederick W. Tyrrell, Wilkesbarre. Commanderies Nos. 12, Bloomsburg; 37, Danville; 45, Wilkesbarre; 57, Pittston; 60, Tunkhannock.

The Grand Commandery then adjourned to meet in the city of Harrisburg, on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 24th and 25th, 1898.

Harry M. VanZandt

Grand Commander.

ATTEST :



J. H. Allen

Grand Recorder.

In Memoriam.

Anthony Eugene Stocker, M. D.,

Past Grand Commander,

Past Eminent Commander of Philadelphia

Commandery, No. 2, K. T.

Pennsylvania.

Our beloved and venerable Senior Past Grand Commander, Anthony E. Stocker, M. D., has been gathered to the Asylum above.

Brother Stocker was born in Philadelphia, March 5, 1819. He was educated in the Public Schools of that city and in the University of Pennsylvania, and was graduated from the latter institution in 1840 as a physician. He was very successful in the practice of medicine.

In 1861 he entered the United States Army as a Surgeon and was seriously wounded in the battle of Charles City Cross Roads, Va. At the close of the Civil War he returned home, and shortly after resumed the practice of his profession.

Brother Stocker enjoyed excellent health until about two years ago, when it became apparent to his intimate friends that his health was failing. Upon several occasions he was seriously ill and his recovery was in doubt, but having a strong and vigorous constitution he rallied each time and we thought he might be spared to us for some years; but about a month previous to his death he was again taken ill and compelled to take to his bed and gradually grew worse until the end came on Sunday morning, May 23, 1897, when he passed away peacefully and without apparent pain.

He was a gentleman by nature, a devout Christian and his kindness and amiability made him dearly beloved by all who knew him.

His Masonic life was an enviable one, covering a period of fifty years. He was a Knight Templar for forty-nine years, having been knighted in St. John's Commandery, No. 4, May 26, 1848. He was a charter member of Philadelphia Commandery, No. 2, K. T., elected Generalissimo May 26, 1849, Eminent Commander June 14, 1850, Treasurer June 13, 1851, and Recorder from June, 1852, to June, 1859.

A Convention of Knights Templar met in Philadelphia on May 10, 1854, and organized a Grand Encampment for the state of Pennsylvania, under authority of the R. W. Grand Lodge of F. and A. M., representatives being present from Commanderies 4, 5, 6 and 7, thus making two Grand Commanderies in this State, one in the western part, working under authority of the Grand Encampment of K. T. of the United States, and one in the eastern end working under warrant from the Grand Lodge. Brother Stocker was largely instrumental in forming the latter body, and was elected Grand Generalissimo June 16, 1854, and re-elected June 8, 1855, and Grand Master (Grand Commander), June 13, 1856.

These two Grand Commanderies formed a union on February 12, 1857, and have continued as such until the present, Brother Stocker ranking as a Past Grand Commander.

During all these years Sir Knight Stocker showed a sincere love for and an active interest in all matters relating to Templar Masonry and his name and his memory will be ever revered by the Fraters of this Jurisdiction.

F. M. H.

Report on Correspondence.

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers, and Eminent Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania :

Your Committee on Correspondence herewith presents its Fourth Annual Report, covering the proceedings of the following named Grand bodies :

Alabama	Mississippi
Arizona	Missouri
Arkansas	Montana
California	Nebraska
Canada	New Hampshire
Colorado	New Jersey
Connecticut	New York
District of Columbia	North Carolina
England and Wales	North Dakota
Florida	Ohio
Georgia	Oklahoma
Illinois	Oregon
Indiana	South Dakota
Iowa	Tennessee
Kansas	Texas
Kentucky	Vermont
Louisiana	Virginia
Maine	Washington
Maryland	West Virginia
Massachusetts and R. I.	Wisconsin
Michigan	Wyoming
Minnesota	

ARKANSAS, 1896.

Number of Commanderies, 13; total membership, 510.

The Twenty-fourth Annual Conclave was held in Little Rock, April 21, 1896.

R. E. Sir George P. Taylor, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander presents his annual address and report. We quote his introductory :

BELOVED FRATERS—Another year has passed, the closing hour of our Templar year is striking. We can scarcely realize that a year has come and gone since we met in annual conclave, yet it is true, how fleeting and transitory are all things earthly; have we emphasized its meaning by at least trying to live in the discharge of Knightly duty, and to govern ourselves by the sublime principles of this magnanimous Order? If so 'tis well, for "whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap;" "to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and bind up the wounds of the afflicted" is only one of the great truths Templarism teaches. And what a beautiful, well ordered life would we have, if we fully understood and practiced the full meaning of that principle alone. But when we view the whole teaching of our Order; if we but lived it, none would say ought against it, but we would win the sympathy and admiration of the true, the noble and the good, of every clime, and bind the hearts of those who come after us in the strong bonds of a fraternity as broad as our civilization itself.

In the language of P. G. M. Medole, of New York, "Fraternity never cast a shadow on the home, never wounded a human heart or wronged a human soul. Fraternity is never deaf to the cry of the needy, never blind to the wants of the deserving, and its broad and noble heart ever responds to call back the erring, to lift up the fallen, to aid the distressed and to up-build the human race."

Sir Knights, let us ever remember we are a fraternity bound together by the most solemn vows, and if any of us have been living outside the Templar duties, let us from now on endeavor to "so improve the remaining span of life, that when our frail and weak bodies may become cold and inanimate, our disembodied spirits may soar aloft to the realms of life and light eternal."

Under Dispensations quite a number are reported granting permission to ballot without waiting the statutory time.

No Decisions of special interest reported.

The following Resolution was adopted :

Be it resolved, That the office of Inspector General of this Grand Commandery be, and is hereby abolished, and that the duties of such officer be hereafter performed by the R. E. Grand Commander, the V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, the E. Grand Generalissimo, and the E. Grand Captain General, for the year they are in office, they dividing the work by each assuming a proportion of the Subordinate Commanderies to best suit their convenience.

The Report on Correspondence is by E. Sir F. J. H. Rickon, and covers the proceedings of nearly all of the Grand Commanderies. Pennsylvania receives a careful and commendatory review, and no fault found with our doings. In fact the entire report shows careful reading and judicious quoting.

R. E. Sir GEORGE THORNBURG, Little Rock,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir JAMES A. HENRY, Little Rock,
Grand Recorder.

E. Sir OLIVER C. GRAY, Little Rock,
Correspondent.

ALABAMA, 1896.

Number of Commanderies, 10; total membership, 382.

The Thirty-sixth Annual Conclave was held in Montgomery, May 13, 1896.

R. E. Sir Fletcher J. Cowart, Grand Commander.

The various grand officers present reports, which are printed, showing a favorable condition of the Order.

The Grand Commander reports no Decisions, and his address is brief in other respects. We cull the following from his

CONCLUSION :

In conclusion, Sir Knights, permit me a parting thought—a plea for the consideration of the principles and the observance of the spirit of Templarism. I cannot admit that any temporal institution is founded upon finer or sounder principles. It is in truth a high calling, and he, to whom the vows of Knighthood are but a jargon of rhetorical, though meaningless, phrases—necessary only as a form of admission to a social club—is out of his place in a Commandery of Knights Templar. He is incapable of perceiving the high and holy beauties of truth, that divine attribute upon which our institution is planted. A Knight Templar should be of the highest order of men, a constant exponent of the world's true chivalry, an ideal Chevalier Bayard: in morals without fear, and in action without reproach. Let us be careful that our profession does not dwindle into formal show and ceremony—a mere matter of ritualism, conviviality and dress parade.

No Report on Correspondence.

R. E. Sir ROBERT L. DOUGLAS, Mobile,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir H. C. ARMSTRONG, Montgomery,
Grand Recorder.

E. Sir GEORGE F. MOORE, Montgomery,
Correspondent.

ARIZONA, 1895.

Number of Commanderies, 3 ; total membership, 114.

The Third Annual Conclave was held in Prescott, Nov. 13, 1895.

R. E. Sir Alexander G. Oliver, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander presents a brief report in which he congratulates the Grand Commandery upon the fact that he was not called upon to make any decisions during the year. He also makes kindly reference to the Boston Triennial.

On the second day of the Conclave an invitation was received, and accepted, to attend a banquet given by Lodge No. 1, F. & A. M.

No Report on Correspondence.

R. E. Sir EPHRAIM J. BENNITT, Phoenix,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir GEORGE J. ROSKRUGE, Tuscan,
Grand Recorder.



CALIFORNIA, 1896.

Number of Commanderies, 37 ; total membership, 2,941.

The Thirty-eighth Annual Conclave was held in San Francisco, April 23, 1896.

R. E. Sir Edward S. Lippitt, Grand Commander.

We cull the following from opening of the Grand Commander's address :

Through the ages the Bible and the cross have been the center of the hot combat with infidelity, paganism and hoary systems of false religion. But out of them all they have come with increased power and dominion, unscathed and unbroken, and high ascendant lead the vanguard of the civilized world in truth, justice and righteousness, while their foes lie strewn in forgotten oblivion. They stand, like our own grand Sequoias, which lift their lofty heads, an emerald censer to the sky, while the wreck of centuries of storm lie mouldering beneath their everliving shade.

The light of the cross is filling the earth with its radiance, gilds the remotest mountain tops, and heralds the universal sway of Immanuel's kingdom. With the prophet of old we can say, "How beautiful upon the mountain tops are the feet of Him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace."

In line of Decisions the Grand Commander was first called upon to answer a compound conundrum as follows :

1st. A companion having been rejected by ballot, what is necessary to secure a dispensation for a re-ballot within six months' time? Must the ballot upon the question of asking for a dispensation be secret or unanimous? If dispensation is granted for a re-ballot, what is necessary on the part of the candidate to have his application properly before the Commandery?

2d. Could a dispensation for such a re-ballot include right to receive, report upon and ballot upon an application which had been rejected, or upon a new application, all at one regular or special meeting?

3d. Could the degrees be conferred under dispensation the same evening of the election?

4th. Would the effort of a Commandery, a Commandery committee, or any member of a Commandery, striving to prevent the entrance into the Commandery of any unsuitable candidate, or striving to prevent the unjust exclusion of suitable candidates, be considered unknightly?

5th. Would the withdrawal of any one, or any number of Knights Templar, from the Asylum during a meeting of the Commandery, but before

balloting has commenced for a candidate, for the avowed purpose of avoiding responsibility for possible rejection of the candidate, be considered unknighly conduct?

6th. To what extent may a Commandery or the members thereof proceed in an effort to ascertain whether improper use of the ballot is not being made to prevent the entrance into the Commandery of companions who are in every way worthy to become Knights Templar, or to protect the life and secure the growth of the Commandery?

To which I replied as follows:—

1st. A dispensation for a re-ballot within six months can be had upon motion made in the Commandery to ask for such dispensation from the Grand Commander. Such motion to lie over to the next regular assembly of the Commandery, when said motion shall be put by secret ballot, and, if one ballot appear in the negative, said motion shall be declared lost; and no dispensation for a re-ballot in such case shall be issued unless it appear to the Grand Commander in the application therefor that a motion to that effect in such manner had been passed unanimously in the Commandery. See General Regulations, Grand Commandery Proceedings, 1895, page 463.

2d. The dispensation would only be to re-ballot upon the application upon which a ballot had already been taken and at a regular meeting, which application should be in the possession of the Commandery

3d. If elected upon a re-ballot the companion would be entitled to receive the orders, and they could be conferred upon him by the Commandery at any time after his election without dispensation.

4th. It is not unknighly on the part of the Commandery, or any member thereof, or any committee thereof, to prevent the introduction of an unsuitable candidate, nor by all lawful means to prevent the unjust exclusion of a worthy candidate.

5th. It would be in my judgment unknighly on the part of the members of a Commandery, when a ballot is ordered to be taken upon the petition of a companion to receive the orders of Knighthood, to leave the Asylum for the purpose of avoiding the casting of a ballot upon said petition.

6th. The ballot is a secret and sacred right, and I know of no way in which the use of the ballot can be enquired into. Title 7, Sec. 2, Statutes of Grand Encampment.

There can be no question but that the exercise of this sacred right of a Knight Templar to gratify any prejudice or personal ill-will against the companion whose application is being considered, or the exercise of any spirit of revenge toward the applicant, or any ill-will toward the Commandery itself, or any spirit of hostility to the growth and prosperity of the Commandery, or to be revenged for any supposed or real slight of the Commandery to a Sir Knight, would not justify him in casting a black ball against a companion every way worthy, and whose accession to the Commandery would be beneficial.

We cannot agree with the Grand Commander in all his conclusions, though we do in the main.

For instance, he says by Resolution of the Commandery the Grand Commander may grant Dispensation to hold a re-ballot upon a rejected candidate without waiting the prescribed time, six months.

We cannot so understand "Sec. 18, Title XLV. The petition of one who has been rejected cannot be renewed until the expiration of at least six months after said rejection."

Then in summing up this Decision the Grand Commander says: "It does not seem possible that one who has listened to the lectures of a Knight Templar, taken its solemn obligation, entered into the spirit of its lofty ideas, could through any personal feeling or envy, prejudice or spite use the sacred right of the ballot for the injury of the applicant, or the Commandery to which he belonged."

Well, we are sure that none such should do so, but are very certain that we have known cases where they have so done, as loth as we are to confess the fact. But we think in such cases that such Sir Knights have not "entered into the spirit of its lofty ideas," but are groveling in the mire of their own selfish and baser natures.

The next decision was that a Sir Knight having demitted from his own Commandery had the right to apply to any Commandery stationed within the Jurisdiction in which he might reside.

The next was a decision against perpetual Jurisdiction over a rejected candidate, and consequently in violation of the laws of the Grand Encampment, though in conformity with those of California.

The next question was as to the power of the Grand Commander to grant a dispensation for balloting upon a candidate at a Special Meeting or Conclave. The Grand Command-

er referred the question to the Grand Commandery, which adopted the report of the Committee saying he can do so. And why not? If the Grand Commander has the power to grant dispensations for ballot without waiting the statutory time we see no reason why he should not do the other.

The Grand Commander makes several very important recommendations, as follows :

First.—He recommends the public installation of officers of Subordinate Commanderies.

Second.—That particularly in the smaller Commanderies the officers should have a longer term than one year, as owing to the limited work in such Commanderies the officers scarcely become familiar with their work and duties until their time has expired.

With both of these recommendations we agree. The public rendition of our beautiful and impressive installation ceremonies can do no harm and it may do much good.

Then the Grand Commander refers to improper solicitation for membership—a subject which is ever-present everywhere.

The Report on Correspondence is by Sir William C. Davies, and is well worthy of his pen. In his introduction he joins the ranks of those who think that the last session of the Grand Encampment was, in so far as business was concerned, a failure.

His reference to Pennsylvania is entirely satisfactory, especially in that part where he calls attention to our mistake in crediting his report to Frater Hall, of Georgia. Well, Brother Davies, “Mistakes will happen in the best, etc.,” and we “fess up,” and apologize, and promise to try to prevent a recurrence.

In conclusion, Brother Davies, your Report is all right, you

are all right, and we have enjoyed reading it from beginning to end.

R. E. Sir TROWBRIDGE H. WARD, San Francisco,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir THOMAS H. CASWELL, San Francisco,
Grand Recorder.

E. Sir WILLIAM A. DAVIES, *Correspondent.*



CANADA, 1896.

Number of Preceptories, 37 ; total membership, 1548.

The Thirteenth Annual Assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory was held in London, September 16th, 1896.

M. E. Sir Knight Will H. Whyte, Supreme Grand Master.

The Grand Master presented an able report of Templar doings for past year. He reports continued prosperity : note the following introductory, the sentiments of which all true Templars will endorse :

“It is my privilege to extend to you all a cordial and Knightly greeting, and to congratulate you upon the continued prosperity of our beloved Order in Canada. Slowly perhaps, but steadily the Order of the Temple is increasing and gaining ground. It may not be making as great strides in numbers as some ardent members would wish, but the increase is a solid gain and not of a mushroom growth. Many of our leading citizens and active leaders in other branches of Masonry have of late joined our Order, and are taking a leading interest in Templar affairs. This augurs well for its continued prosperity. It is much better thus to receive into our ranks those who will be a credit to us, even if fewer in numbers than to indiscriminately accept material merely for the purpose of increasing the roll and bank account of the Preceptory.

“The Fratres of the Temple cannot be too particular whom they accept as members of the Order. Men—good and true—who will exemplify to the world the teachings of Templarism are those required for its ranks. The libertine, the scoffer at religion, and he who taketh the name of the Almighty and the ‘Great Captain of our Salvation’ in vain, should have no place or part in our Order, should not be found enrolled even in name, under the banner of the Cross.

“Knight Templarism is an Order of lofty ideals. The ancient Knight swore to speak the truth, succor the helpless and oppressed, never to turn back from an enemy and to uphold the Christian religion. The lofty teachings of the Order embodied truths that produced boundless enthusiasm. The defence of right against wrong should likewise stimulate the Knight of to-day as it did the early founders, to heroic deeds. We do not now draw the sword in actual warfare but our conflict is none the less real, for vice, ignorance, fanaticism, superstition, bigotry and many other foes of that ilk abound all around us, and require our utmost watchfulness and alertness ; therefore none should be found in our ranks whom we are unable to feel will prove true and valiant members of the Order on every occasion. A

personal responsibility rests upon each and every Knight in this connection."

A number of Dispensations were granted, all in regular order. One was, very properly, refused. The spirit that caused the request goes to show that all over-anxious irregularities are not confined to the United States :

A request was made from a Preceptory for permission to receive a number of candidates at a less fee than was provided for in the Statutes. I declined to permit anyone to be received under the amount specified. I might add that several statements have been made to me of candidates being received at a lower figure than laid down by law, and of rebates being allowed in other cases. I replied that should any Preceptory be found guilty of any such evasion or violation of the Statutes I would promptly take action against the offenders. I trust this suspicion is not well founded, for it seems to me that our fees are certainly low enough and any candidate that is unable to meet our present fee, is not a desirable addition to our Order. A Preceptory that would offer such inducements to candidates is placing the Order on a par with those business firms who offer cut rates in their wares to induce purchasers. Templarism, I trust, will never reach that low ebb when monetary considerations are offered to attract candidates. This adoption of commercial tactics is very reprehensible, and is not conducive to the dignity nor credit of the Order.

We join our Canadian Fraters in rejoicing over the following :

SCOTTISH KNIGHTS.

I am sure you will unite with me in expressing the pleasure I feel at the prospect in the near future that every Templar in this fair Dominion of ours will hail from under the banner of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada. As Canadians "this is a consummation devoutly to be wished." In May I received a message that at a meeting of the St. John's Encampment called for that purpose it was unanimously resolved to enter into correspondence with the committee appointed at the last assembly of Great Priory regarding details of union. At the end of July the committee received the terms of agreement and upon consideration of them decided unanimously to accept the conditions, and their report will be laid before you during the session for your earnest consideration and ratification. I can assure our good Knights down by the sea that a hearty and warm welcome awaits

them. I understand they have notified the Grand Encampment of the Temple and Malta for Scotland, of their intention to cast in their lot with the Great Priory of Canada and are awaiting Scotland's reply. I trust St. Stephen's will also soon follow.

The Grand Master reports that the Order of the Red Cross had been added to the Curriculum of Canada in order to enable Canadian Templars to visit in the United States.

The following is of interest to readers on this side of the border :

UNIFORM.

I feel I am approaching a subject upon which every one in this Jurisdiction is not fully agreed. It is a well known fact that uniform and drill is one of the predominant features with our Templar friends across the border, and that many of our Canadian fratres desire to imitate them in this matter, while a number do not favor the idea. We must bear in mind that in many particulars the American and Canadian differs. The American is brought up to a great extent from childhood to take part in public processions. Their Fourth of July parades, their celebration of different events and their political processions, all conducted with some style of dress or uniform, adapt old and young to carry out the same idea in their numerous Societies. With the Canadian it is different; he is not accustomed to open air parades as frequently as his southern neighbor and is a quiet, modest fellow as a rule, sometimes unfortunately permitting his light to be hidden too much behind his native modesty. Hence one can well understand the division of sentiment in Canada regarding an outdoor dress parade. I find, however, the tide has turned considerably towards the question of uniform, and that the younger men and to a considerable extent even the older members, are feeling that a uniform must be a part of Templar Masonry in Canada. There is no doubt a body of men uniformed alike gives an added interest to the meetings and also assists in the rendering of the degrees, apart from any question of outdoor parades, and as ancient Templary was a military institution I can see no harm in the business of the meetings being carried on with some degree of military precision and have advocated the question of Templar drill in connection with the degrees, for I have observed in those Preceptories which pay attention to this feature much interest being taken by the members. Great Priory has adopted a neat and not expensive uniform and I would strongly urge each Preceptory to endeavor to carry this into effect.

Interesting reports are presented from the Deputies for the various Districts of the Order.

An excellent Report on Correspondence was presented by M. E. Sir Knight Henry Robertson. He strongly condemns perpetual Jurisdiction and is in favor of life membership under proper restrictions. And has this to say on the subject of the Trinity :

“In reply to the statement that belief in the Doctrine of the Trinity is not required in the Templarism of the United States, it is asserted that every Templar must be a firm believer in the Christian religion, and that as the dogma of the Trinity is one of the fundamental principles of that religion, every Templar must be a believer in the Trinity. But others assert that the dogma of the Trinity is not one of the fundamental principles of the Christian religion, that there are many bodies of Christians who do not believe in the Trinity, notably the Unitarians. They are certainly believers in the religion of Christ, and we think that many of them are in the ranks of the Templars in the United States, although they could not be admitted here or under the British Jurisdictions. Some eminent writers assert that Templarism is broad enough to include all Christians, of whatever denomination or creed, while others would narrow it down to Trinitarians only, and these differences of opinion will probably continue to exist.”

Pennsylvania for 1896, is carefully and fairly reviewed. He quotes our remarks on the Temperance agitation in the Order, and calls them seasonable and sensible. Thanks, Bro. Robertson ; we like to see the authorities in our Order have the right views on this danger menacing our citadel.

CONCLUSION.

“When men exalt their views to Heav’n’s high will,
With steady aim their duty to fulfill,
The mind expands, its strength appears,
Growing with their growing years.
Mounting the apex of Masonic skill,
Be this the earnest purpose of our lives,
Success must crown the man who nobly strives.”

M. E. Sir Kt. WILLIAM H. WHYTE, Montreal,
Supreme Grand Master.

R. E. Sir Kt. ANGUS MCKEOWN, Victoria,
Grand Register.

M. E. Sir Kt. HENRY ROBERTSON,
Correspondent.

COLORADO, 1896.

Number of Commanderies, 24 ; total membership, 1,651.

The Twenty-first Annual Conclave was held in Denver, June 2, 1896.

R. E. Sir William W. Rowan, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander's Address shows so little of agitation in matters Templar in Colorado, that we can find but little in it to review. He recommends the employment of a Drill Master whose duty it shall be to visit the various Commanderies and instruct in the tactics of the Order.

The Report on Correspondence is presented by P. G. C. Harper M. Orahood, and although brief, shows a careful culling of the various proceedings. Pennsylvania gets her share. We quote the following from his concluding remarks, simply endorsing same by saying, "Them's my sentiments :"

"We have reached the end of our review for another year. We have all the Reports for 1895, forty-two, counting the Grand Encampment. The list, year by year grows longer, and the task of examination and selection is very much greater than one would suppose who has not engaged in it. Our plan has been generally, to show what is going on in the Templar world by making quotations showing the condition of the several Grand Commanderies and what they are doing, and not to give our own opinions. Yet we have not hesitated to state positively our convictions on the questions under discussion by Grand officers and correspondents. Of course it must be borne in mind that such expression, when given, is our individual opinion and does not pretend to have the sanction of the Grand Commandery."

R. E. Sir EUGENE P. SHOVE, Gunnison,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir ED C. PARMELEE, Denver,
Grand Recorder.

R. E. Sir HARPER M. ORAHOOD, Denver,
Correspondent.

CONNECTICUT, 1896.

Number of Commanderies, 11; total membership, 2,298.

The Sixty-ninth Annual Conclave was held in Bridgeport, March 17, 1896.

R. E. Sir Hugh Stirling, Grand Commander.

Under head of Decisions, we find two of general interest :

First.—Complaint was made by the Grand Commander of Massachusetts and Rhode Island that a Commandery in Connecticut had conferred the Order of Malta upon a Sir Knight of Massachusetts without a Dispensation. From remarks made in referring to the case we find that a custom has obtained in Connecticut which has been quite prevalent elsewhere, viz.: waiting until a number of Knights Templar had received the other Orders and thus have a larger class for the Order of Malta, and then to include any visitors who had not received the Order.

The Grand Commander acknowledges the wrong in so doing, and recites the law of the Grand Encampment :

“It shall be deemed irregular for any Commandery to confer the Orders of Knighthood, or either of them, upon any sojourner whose place of residence is within any State, District or Territory, in which there is a Commandery regularly at work, until the consent of the Commandery having territorial Jurisdiction is first obtained.”

Next follows a most interesting case and peculiar decision. So much so indeed that we give space to it in detail :

LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

The question of continuous payment of annual dues was raised by the Commandery of which I am a member, and as it was a matter that the Grand Encampment has passed upon, I submitted the following to the Grand Master, for his decision—omitting dates and titles :

“By decision No. 2 of Past Grand Master Gobin, the payment of dues for any fixed time is inconsistent with Title XIX, Section 8, of the Code.”

One of the Commanderies in this Jurisdiction has had a By-Law in operation for the past twenty two years, requiring its members to pay dues for the period of ten years, and under that law, some one hundred and fifty of its members are exempt. The question is, are the members who were considered exempt under that By-Law to be again placed on the roll of due-paying members in the event of the passage of an amendment, which will comply with the decision referred to, and which was approved by the Grand Encampment?

DECISION.

Members who have complied with such a By-Law as you quote and have become exempt from the payment of dues, cannot be placed on the roll of due-paying members. When they joined the Commandery they agreed to support the By-Laws of the Commandery, and said By-Laws was a contract between the Commandery and the member. The member having complied with his part of the contract, the Commandery must comply with its part.

From the wording of the above it is difficult to tell who made the Decision, but no matter. The Committee on Apportionment could not so construe the law and the Grand Commandery coincided with it by adopting its report. Witness the following :

If we understand the situation indicated by that portion of the Grand Commander's address regarding life-membership in Subordinate Commanderies, it is simply a question as to exemption from dues after a period of time and as to the status of members who are assumed to have become exempt under a local By-Law which is now repugnant to the Constitution and the Code. The decision referred to—No. 2, of Grand Master Gobin, page 12, Proceedings of Grand Encampment, 1892,—reads :

There is no legislation authorizing the release from the payment of all dues on the part of a Subordinate Commandery based upon any length of membership. Section 8, Title XIX, authorizes it to be done upon the payment of a fixed sum of money, and this seems to be the correct method. Otherwise, the burden of sustaining the Commandery would necessarily fall upon the younger members, and in some instances cripple the effectiveness of the body. This seems to have been the policy of the Grand Encampment, and several Grand Commanderies, at least, whose proceedings I have examined. The By-Law is not the most desirable one in my judgment.

This is manifestly based upon sound reasoning and the fundamental principle governing the assessment of dues. It is the duty of all the mem-

bers of every organization to support it ; and the duty of one as much as another ; hence the burden must, in fairness, be distributed equally.

The apparent exceptions, that a Commandery may donate a sufficient sum to an impoverished member to pay his *arrears* for dues, (Title XIX, Sec. 2, Code), and that a Commandery may provide that its members may become life-members by the payment of a fixed sum and thereby be exempt from dues, (Title XIX, Sec. 8, Code), do not, in fact, release anyone from his obligation to contribute to the support of the organization.

The first relates to *past dues* and is an act of charity ; this share of the burden is temporarily, because of the inability of the individual, borne by all the others equally.

The second does not excuse a member but permits him, by paying in advance, to be relieved from contributing annually ; this share of the burden, having been previously approximated, is met by the fund advanced by the individual. Length of membership is not an element of the proposition.

The proposition that the status of the members of a Commandery as to each other is in the nature of a contract by which both parties are bound may be, in a measure, true ; but that the By-Laws are a contract, or even a part of a contract, will not, upon investigation, be found tenable. Nor is there any analogy in this question to the civil law regarding the impairment of contracts.

Upon uniting with a Commandery, each candidate promises obedience to *all* the rules and regulations of that body and also to the Constitution, laws and edicts of the superior Templar Bodies. The promise is not restricted to the particular rules and laws in force at the time.

The very circumstances of the case preclude the possibility of a candidate in any Masonic Body having any prior knowledge of the laws, rules and usages of the Body ; and if he had such knowledge, though only in part, and were to condition his membership that no change should thereafter be made in the laws, rules and regulations, or in the ritual or uniform, without his consent, such a proposition for membership would not receive a moment's consideration. How much less then can such a condition be inferred.

Every organization has undeniably the power to alter the laws which it has adopted for its government, and in this, each member has a voice and vote ; but to require that no law should be binding upon any member without his consent would make it practically impossible to alter the law and have it of any force.

The laws of the subordinate must always be consistent with those of the superior bodies, and when changes in the latter result in conflict between them the inferior must yield.

If the individual member is to be bound only by such laws relating to payment of dues as are in force at the beginning of his membership, or as to which he afterwards consents, then the same is true with regard to all

other laws. And the same rule holds good in the relation of subordinate bodies to their superiors. This would soon result in such confusion, as new members are received, that it would soon be impossible to determine the rights and duties of any.

If, however, the decision be correct, there should be an immediate revision of the form of the obligations.

We recommend the passage of the following resolutions :

(5.) *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Commandery that no member of a Subordinate Commandery should be exempted from the payment of dues otherwise than in the manner indicated in the Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States, (Title XIX, Sec. 8).

We fully agree with the conclusions aimed at, as well as the adoption of the Resolution.

It would be a strange state of affairs indeed if a Grand or Subordinate Commandery could not change or amend its By-Laws for reasons given in the Decision. Such a state of affairs would forever preclude their being amended even should they be in conflict with the law, or should it be deemed advisable for any other reason.

A committee of three was appointed with authority to expend \$300 for the purchase of a suitable testimonial to be presented to P. G. Commander R. E. Sir W. R. Highly, who has filled the office of Grand Treasurer for a quarter of a century.

An excellent Report on Correspondence was presented by Albert L. Eugene, who was appointed to that office upon the resignation of R. E. Sir E. C. Birdsey.

Pennsylvania "is not in it" and Sir Eugene says he is sorry ; so are we, but as we do not know who to blame, we will forgive all.

R. E. Sir LYMAN H. JOHNSON, New Haven,
Grand Commander.

R. E. Sir ELI C. BIRDSEY, P. G. C., Meriden,
Grand Recorder.

E. Sir ALBERT L. EUGENE, *Correspondent.*

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1896.

Number of Commanderies, 5 ; total membership, 1,565.

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Adjourned Conclave of January 24, 1896.

Special Conclave of April 7, 1896.

Special Conclave of April 28, 1896.

Annual Conclave of May 11, 1896.

R. E. Sir Noble D. Larnier, Grand Commander, presiding.

At the First Conclave, January 24th, M. E. Sir W. LaRue Thomas, Grand Master, honored the body with his presence.

By Resolutions adopted, the following were ordered :

“That members be referred to in all printed Notices or Proceedings, as Sir Knights.

“That the Subordinate Commanderies be requested to advance a sum equal to one-half of their annual dues to defray expenses of the Grand Commandery.”

A Committee on Uniform was appointed.

At the Second Conclave the following excellent Rules were adopted :

4th. That non-affiliates, residing in this Jurisdiction one year or more, not contributing to some Subordinate Commandery or offering to affiliate in this Grand Jurisdiction, shall be considered not in good standing, and be prohibited from visiting Subordinate Commanderies.

6th. That an unaffiliated Knight Templar is not entitled as a matter of right to the honors of Knightly burial ; still, any Commandery within this Jurisdiction may, upon a proper request, render the last earthly honors to a deceased Knight ; or a Commandery, in such a case, may, upon request of a Lodge, act as an escort to a Lodge when about to bury a deceased brother.

7th. That hereafter it shall be unlawful for any Sir Knight within the Jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery to wear any jewel, insignia, badge, or uniform other than that belonging to the Order of Knights Templar at the same time as he shall wear his Knight Templar uniform and insignia, and while attending the Conclaves or Assemblies of any body of Knights Templar, or on public occasions when appearing in said Knight Templar uniform.

The Grand Recorder offered the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That for the purpose of establishing more intimate and fraternal intercourse between the Knights Templar of the United States and this Grand Commandery, the system of representation by Masonic Grand Bodies be, and the same is hereby, adopted by the appointment of representatives at or near the Grand East of sister Grand Commanderies, and by a cordial recognition of such worthy Sir Knights as may be appointed within this Templar Jurisdiction to represent other Grand Templar Bodies at or near this Grand Commandery ; that the Right Eminent Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery is hereby authorized and empowered to issue commissions under his hand and the seal of this Grand Commandery to such worthy Sir Knights in other Templar Jurisdictions as he may deem proper, provided that such representatives so commissioned shall be members of the Grand Bodies to which they may be severally commissioned.

Also the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, that the Charters granted by the Grand Encampment of the United States to the several Commanderies, K. T., of the District of Columbia prior to the Constitution of this Grand Body be continued in full force and effect, and that the Right Eminent Grand Commander so certify the same thereon under his hand and the seal of this Grand Commandery.

At the Annual Conclave, May 11th, Grand Master Thomas again visited the new star in our constellation of Grand Commanderies.

The Grand Commander presents an excellent Report of his doings for the Templar year. We quote the following remarks upon subject of

A PERMANENT HOME FOR THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

Much has been said and much has been written upon a subject in which the Knights Templar of the District of Columbia have a great interest, that is : should the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States have a permanent headquarters? If so, where should it be located? This question, in my opinion, is one of great importance to the entire

Templar Jurisdiction of the United States. There should not be a dissenting voice on this proposition. Why should such a great and important body as the Grand Encampment of the United States have its headquarters, as it does now, virtually in a TRUNK. It is bad enough for an officer of the army to be compelled, when he cannot help it, to have his "headquarters in the saddle," but is there any good excuse to be offered for the Grand Encampment of the United States being in its present position as to headquarters? One term we have found it located in the State of Ohio, next we find it in the State of Iowa, next we find it in the State of Virginia, and now we find it in the State of Missouri. Where next will we find it? Where should we find it? Let the answer be, in the City of Washington, the Capital of the Nation, where many of the great institutions of our country are being located, and which is so easy of access. This question, Sir Knights, is one of great interest, not only to us of the District of Columbia, but to the Sir Knights of all Templar Jurisdictions. The subject is now being agitated, and under the circumstances I feel that we are justified in placing before our Fraters the many advantages our city possesses, and by all honorable means that we can employ have our city selected as the permanent home of the Grand Encampment.

In advocating a permanent location of the headquarters of the Grand Encampment of the United States let it not be understood that I am also advocating the holding of the Triennial Conclaves in the same city where the headquarters may be permanently located. This I do not advocate. I believe that the assembling of the Sir Knights in large numbers every three years in different cities of our Union is of great advantage to our Order, and the proposition to abolish these assemblages I would not for a moment think of advocating.

No Report on Correspondence.

R. E. Sir FRANK H. THOMAS, Washington,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir LARUE JOHNSON, Washington,
Grand Recorder.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

We have before us the Proceedings of two Assemblies of the Great Priory, held December 13, 1895, in London, and May 8, 1896, London.

At the first W. W. B. Beach, M. P., and G. C. T., was on the Throne.

The Council presented a Report, from which we extract the following :

Your Council have the honour to report that, pursuant to petitions presented to His Royal Highness on behalf of the National Great Priories of England and Wales, &c., and of Ireland, the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master has been pleased to absolve the said National Great Priories from their allegiance to Convent General, and to declare that Convent General shall, from and after the 19th July, 1895, cease to exist. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has also been graciously pleased to consent to permit himself to be named Sovereign of the Order in the United Kingdom.

There is now a sum of about £270 standing to the credit of the late Convent General. This sum is entirely made up of fees of honour paid by Members of the National Great Priories of England, &c., and Ireland, who have been appointed Knights Grand Cross and Knights Commanders of the Order of the Temple. Your Council, therefore, recommend that the balance remaining on hand after payment of all liabilities be divided between the two National Great Priories in proportion to the amount contributed by the Members of each. Your Council also recommend that the plates for Patents be kept at the Printers for the use of both Great Priories.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master, was pleased to appoint the following Knights Knights Commanders of the Order of the Temple :—

Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M. P., G. Constable ;

Sir Henry Thoby Prinsep, Provincial Prior for Bengal ;

Augustus Frederick Godson, M. P., Provincial Prior for Worcestershire ;

Robert Isaac Finnemore, late Provincial Prior for South Africa ;

Lieut.-Colonel Alfred Thrale Perkins, Provincial Prior for Somerset and Monmouth ;

Colonel George Montgomery John Moore, R. A., Provincial Prior for Madras ; and

Charles Belton, Sub-Marshal.

The following was adopted :

THE CHANCELLOR: We have had an application from the St. George's Preceptory, No. 6, meeting in London, asking for a Centenary Warrant. The Council recommend that the Warrant be granted, it having been established that the Preceptory has had a continuous existence for 100 years. I therefore move "that a Centenary Warrant, with permission to the members to wear the Commemoration Jewel, be granted to the St. George's Preceptory, No. 6, meeting in London."

At the Assembly held May 8, 1896, the Right Honorable the Earl of Lathom, G. C. T., presided.

We extract the following from Records, believing it will be of interest to American readers as differing from our customs :

The Knights having formed the Arch of Steel, the Very High and Eminent Great Prior, attended by the National Great Officers, entered and took the Throne.

The National Great Priory was opened in ample form.

The Minutes of the National Great Priory held on the 13th December last were read, and declared to be correctly recorded.

The Sub-Marshal announced that V. E. Knight J. Dunning Kay was in attendance and desired to perform homage on his appointment as Provincial Prior, West Yorkshire. The M. E. and Supreme Grand Master directed that he should be admitted.

The trumpets having sounded, the V. E. Provincial Prior for West Yorkshire entered, attended by his Banner Bearer and Sword Bearer, and was conducted to the foot of the Throne. After the M. E. and Supreme Grand Master had accepted his homage he was conducted to his stall and proclaimed and saluted according to antient custom.

The Sub-Marshal announced that the V. E. Knight The Right Honble. the Earl of Onslow, G. C. M. G., was in attendance for the purpose of paying homage on his appointment as Provincial Prior for Kent and Surrey. The M. E. and Supreme Grand Master directed that he should be admitted.

The trumpets having sounded, the V. E. Knight The Right Honble. the Earl of Onslow, G. C. M. G., entered Great Priory attended by his Banner Bearer and Sword Bearer, and was conducted to the foot of the Throne by the Sub-Marshal. He then did homage as Provincial Prior for Kent and Surrey.

The M. E. and Supreme Grand Master received and accepted the homage of the V. E. Knight and greeted him as Provincial Prior for Kent and Surrey.

The V. E. Knight The Right Honble. the Earl of Onslow having been conducted to his stall, was proclaimed and saluted according to antient custom.

We take the following from the Report of Council :

Your Council have the greatest pleasure to announce that your Great Sub-Prior the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, G. C. T., has consented to be nominated for the new office of Grand Master, and also that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, G. C. T., the Sovereign of the United Orders, has graciously been pleased to approve of his candidature.

The following was adopted :

The Great Sub-Prior (The Earl of Euston): I am afraid that you will all have seen by the Report of the Council that one who has so long reigned over us, with so much advantage to every member of the brotherhood, has found that his duties compel him to resign the office of Great Prior of England and Wales. I am certain you will all share the deep regret with which we of the Council received that intimation from him. The Order has never had a kinder, a heartier or more genial chief to reign over it, and I think he will say he has received every loyalty from us. I beg to move :—

“That this Great Priory do record on their Minutes their deep sense of the distinguished services which have been so gracefully rendered to the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital in England and Wales by the Very High and Eminent Knight, the Earl of Lathom, G. C. B., G. C. T., &c., &c., &c., who has occupied the exalted position of Great Prior since 1877.

“That this Great Priory do beg to offer to him their sincere and heartfelt thanks for the deep and continued interest he has taken in the advancement and welfare of the Orders, and earnestly hope he may long be spared in his retirement from office.

“That a copy of this Resolution be engrossed on vellum and presented to the Noble Knight.”

Considerable discussion was had upon a section of Report of Council which recommended, after enumerating the titles and prefix to be used in Records, as applying to various officers, then, “other knights are not entitled to any prefix.”

This was explained to mean, “Thus they are exactly in same position as in former years, and members can address themselves as Sir Knight when they like, but it is not a legal title.”

Finally this clause of the Report was stricken out. Then a motion was made to insert, "other Sir Knights shall be entitled to the prefix Sir Knight;" this motion was lost.

The discussion pro and con on this subject was quite interesting, especially so to us, as it seemed to show a jealousy on the part of the officers of the titles and prefix of their positions.

The objectionable clause being stricken out, and the amendment rejected, leaves the matter where it was before, but in a more doubtful position, as those keeping the Records are certainly left in doubt as to what they should do.

The following was adopted by acclamation :

The V. Eminent Knight W. W. B. Beach, M. P.: Most High and Eminent Great Prior, I have great pleasure in proposing as your successor the Very High and Eminent Sir Knight the Earl of Euston. I am quite sure that the interest he has always taken in this degree will warrant the Knights in electing him to this high position. No one has given up more time to it, taken more trouble, or has done more in its service than our Sub-Prior the Earl of Euston. I am sure, most High and Eminent Great Prior, you will have in him a worthy successor who will do his utmost to sustain the high credit of the Order of Knights Templar. I have great pleasure in proposing that the Very Eminent the Earl of Euston be our Supreme Grand Master. (Loud cheers.)

The Grand Master-elect was introduced and installed in due form, and returned thanks in appropriate remarks.

A complete roster of all sub-Priorities subject to the Jurisdiction of the Great Priory of England and Wales is published in the Proceedings. The number given is 120, which includes those in the various colonies of Great Britain subject to the Great Priory.

M. E. Great Prior, EARL of EUSTON, G. C. T.

Sir Knight FRANK RICHARDSON,

Great Register.

FLORIDA, 1896.

Number of Commanderies, 5 ; total membership, 245.

The Second Annual Conclave was held in the asylum of Damascus Commandery. Where stationed, "the deponent further sayeth not," but we surmise, in Jacksonville.

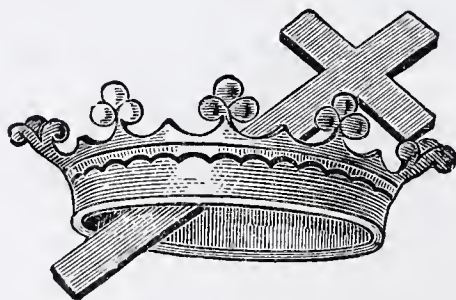
R. E. Sir William A. McLean, Grand Commander.

Nothing of general interest is brought out in the report of the Grand Commander. No Decisions, and but few Dispensations, but at the same time the report and proceedings go to show that the young child in the Templar family is doing well.

No Report on Correspondence.

R. E. Sir WILBER P. WEBSTER, Jacksonville,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir WILLIAM A. McLEAN, Jacksonville,
Grand Recorder, and Chairman on Correspondence.



GEORGIA, 1896.

Number of Commanderies, 10; total membership, 692.

The Thirty-fifth Annual Conclave was held in Columbus, April 15, 1896.

R. E. Sir Joseph K. Orr, Grand Commander.

No Decisions or Dispensations are given in the report of the Grand Commander, most of the space being taken up with a report of his official visitations.

In accordance with custom the Grand Commandery participated in the annual devotional exercises. A most eloquent and appropriate address was delivered by Rev. and Sir R. B. Headden. We cannot give it all, but cull a section for preservation :

“I have always admired the remark of a traveling companion made once when a poor cripple asked us for help. As we dropped some money into the hand of the unfortunate cripple, he said : ‘This is what I call raising the average.’ Is it not a noble sentiment, and can love find a nobler task? Every hungry one fed and naked one clothed is raising the average of human comfort. Every orphan provided for, every widow cheered and aided in the great struggle of life is raising the average of human happiness. Every ignorant one educated, exposed one protected and erring one reclaimed is raising the average of human intelligence and human virtue. Templar manhood has a proud record along this line. Man instinctively admires principle, but, alas! too few of us have the manhood to incarnate it in our lives. It is said of Charles the Second that he once quoted in all seriousness the saying of the heathen poet, ‘I can admire virtue, but I cannot imitate it.’ In that utterance the king discrowned himself and published to the world his shameful want of manhood. So the Mason, not ruled by principle, is as despicable as this king, and as destitute of virtuous manhood as the priest and the Levite, who were faithless to the teachings of the greater light of Masonry. To love thy neighbor as thyself is a prin-

ciple that holds in it the essence of all moral beauty. To read the mere statement of this principle in cold, unsympathetic type does not stir the heart, but when we see that principle translated into action by the noble deed of the good Samaritan, our whole soul thrills with admiration. This principle, recorded on the printed page, is like a page of sheet music. The cold black notes may represent the grandest harmony, and the divinest symphonies may lurk in them, but they move us not until some skilled musician interprets those notes by translating them into melody. Then our hearts thrill under their power and bound with ecstasy.

“There are thousands of deeds, the outgrowth of this principle, which would enrich the history of this old world, if they were made known.”

With his usual ability E. Sir Roland B. Hall, presents a careful review on Correspondence. Pennsylvania, for 1895. receives her share of quotation and comment.

R. E. Sir WILLIAM H. FLEMING, Augusta,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir SAMUEL P. HAMILTON, Savannah,
Grand Recorder.

E. Sir ROLAND B. HALL, Macon,
Correspondent.

ILLINOIS, 1896.

Number of Commanderies, 67 ; total membership, 9,386.

The Fortieth Annual Conclave was held in Chicago, October 27, 1896.

R. E. Sir Augustus L. Webster, Grand Commander. V. E. Sir George W. Moulton, Grand Captain-General of the Grand Encampment honored the Grand Commandery with his presence and was received with honors due his rank.

The address of the Grand Commander is one of the best papers of the kind coming to our notice, and a perusal shows that the year was a busy one. Illinois is fast crowding up in membership, and will soon be a competitor for the highest honors, unless all signs fail. Clinton, No. 66, was constituted during the year, and another stands under Dispensation.

Sterling Commandery, No. 57, and Siloam Commandery No. 54, presented resolutions on the Armenian question, urging that the Order should exert its influence in behalf of that downtrodden people. The Grand Commander gave the Resolution his hearty endorsement and forwarded same to the Grand Master of the United States, M. E. Sir W. LaRue Thomas.

Decisions were called for from all quarters. The first was the case of a Commandery which was about to confer the Orders without having obtained a waiver of Jurisdiction by secret ballot unanimously given. The Grand Commander stopped proceedings and required compliance with the law.

Next, a Commandery asks whether when a waiver of Jurisdiction was desired for a resident of a city where more than one Commandery held concurrent Jurisdiction permission should be asked of one or all. The Grand Commander said, of all, but the Grand Commandery very properly reversed this, as consent of but one is necessary.

A long series of resolutions on life membership were pre-

sented, having been adopted by Chicago Commandery, No. 19. By these resolutions the sum of \$5,500 was to be transferred from the Treasury of the Commandery, *to the Treasury of the Commandery*, the same to be applied to payment of fees for life membership for a certain class of members designated; in other words, if we understand the intent the Treasurer would be authorized to take that amount from one pocket, and put it into another in order to avoid the law of the Grand Jurisdiction, which requires that a stipulated sum shall be paid into the Treasury of the Commandery for each life member recognized and constituted; certainly a round-about way of avoiding an explicit law. So thought the Grand Commander, and his decision was sustained.

The subject of "Life Membership" came up in a number of other cases where life membership had been recognized under By-Laws of Subordinate Commanderies. The Grand Commandery adopted a resolution authorizing such Commanderies to recognize all such that had been elected prior to August 12, 1892, at which time the Grand Commandery passed a law governing same; all subsequent to that date to come under the new law.

Another question was, whether a Prelate could wear his official robes while attending a funeral. The Grand Commander decided that he could do so at the funeral service, but not while going to or coming from same.

Full and complete reports from the various inspecting officers are given, showing a careful supervision over the Subordinate Commanderies. The following resolution was adopted, and also a resolution recommending Subordinate Commanderies to do likewise:

WHEREAS, From the earliest organization of our Illustrious Order of the Temple, the Christian's Cross, the symbol of our faith, has been a distinguishing mark upon our banners and worn by the Templar as an evidence of

the faith that is in him, and as the beauseant has been the battle flag beside which was ever the flag of the country from which the Templar came. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to purchase for this Grand Commandery a silk regulation flag of the United States that, with the beauseant and banner of our faith, may be carried the flag of our language, the flag of our common country, the flag of the United States of America.

A resolution was adopted accepting invitation of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania to attend the Twenty-second Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment to be held in Pittsburgh, in 1898.

R. E. Sir John Corson Smith presents his Eighth Annual Report on Correspondence, which like all similar papers presented by him, is excellent. It includes an interesting account of his visit to Scotland, in 1892 and 1895. It is beautifully embellished with views of various places visited as well as of Masonic references. Pennsylvania for 1896 receives a careful review and full commendation. He speaks of Grand Commander Spencer's Report as an "excellent paper."

R. E. Sir EDWARD C. PAGE, Ashley,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir GILBERT W. BARNARD, Chicago,
Grand Recorder.

R. E. Sir JOHN CORSON SMITH, Chicago,
Correspondent.

INDIANA, 1896.

Number of Commanderies, 37 ; total membership, 3,493.

The Forty-second Annual Conclave was held in Indianapolis, April 3, 1896.

R. E. Sir Walter M. Hindman, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander presents one of the most complete reports it has been our privilege to read.

Under Decisions we find the following, which to us is a decidedly new and novel state of affairs :

5. I am requested by the Eminent Commander of Terre Haute Commandery, No. 16, to submit the following and ask your decision :

1st—The Commandery will open at noon, August 24th, preparatory to making a pilgrimage to Boston, as you have so graciously permitted. 2d—The Commandery will remain open, and under the control of the officers until their return from Boston, perhaps two or three weeks. 3d—The stated Conclave falls on August 31st, while the Commandery is open, but most of the officers and members absent from Terre Haute on the pilgrimage. It is important that some business should be transacted at said stated Conclave. 4th—There will be present in Terre Haute at that time the Generalissimo, several Past Commanders, and more than a quorum of members; also the Recorder.

Question 1. Can the latter named convene and transact business while the Commandery is open and absent from the city?

Question 2. If so convened will they formally open or transact business under the opening of special Conclave of August 24th?

Question 3. Can the same Commandery have two Conclaves open at the same time?

EDWARD GILBERT, *P. E. C.*

Answer:

Em. Sir Gilbert:

DEAR SIR AND FRATER—According to your statement, on August 31, 1895, the time for the stated Conclave of your Commandery, the Commandery open and under charge of the proper officers will be out of the city. That being the case, the officers and members who may remain at home can not open the Commandery. The Commandery is open and out of the city. A Commandery can not hold two Conclaves at the same time at different places.

Courteously yours,

WALTER M. HINDMAN,

Grand Commander.

The peculiar and novel part to our way of seeing it is, that of the Commandery *remaining open* during its absence from the asylum and city. So thought the Committee on Jurisprudence ; witness their finding :

In considering Decision No. 5, the Committee report that in their opinion there is no authority for opening a Commandery for the purpose of an excursion or journey. The Commandery as a body being absent from the Jurisdiction by official permission of the Grand Commandery, no business can lawfully be transacted by the members remaining at home.

Another peculiar case, but settled by a sound decision :

6. From Warsaw Commandery, No. 10.

' At our last stated Conclave the ballot was passed on a petition, which had been favorably recommended by a committee, and there being one black ball the E. C. ordered a rebalot. At this point, a Sir Knight asked to be excused from voting, and stated he had cast the objecting ballot, but did not want his vote to keep the petitioner out. Upon motion and unanimous vote he was excused from voting ; but before the ballot was passed the second time, a Sir Knight stated that if there was any good reason why the candidate should not become a Knight Templar, he thought the Commandery should know it. A motion was then made to defer action until the next regular Conclave. 1st. Was our action legal in deferring second ballot? 2d. Will our action be legal in taking second ballot at next Conclave?

1st. *Answer.* No.

2d. *Answer.* No ; the candidate stands rejected. Can only be brought before the Commandery again by petition.

We find the following under Recommendations :

INSPECTION.

To get the matter of inspection before this Body, I would recommend that an inspection be held, beginning in September, and ending in December of this year.

UNIFORM.

I believe the uniform of this Jurisdiction would be more complete if we were to add to it the fatigue coat, which could be procured at small cost, the purchase of which need not be made obligatory. I would therefore recommend that this matter be referred to a special committee.

By the following we think Indiana is in line in favor of a Christian Protectorate over the dark Turkish Empire including, of course, downtrodden Palestine :

ON TURKISH ATROCITIES.

WHEREAS, It is current news that the Armenians, being Christians, are being subjected to gross inhumanity by the Turks ; and

WHEREAS, The Order of "Knights Templar" profess to be the champions of the Christian religion, having vowed to wield the sword in its defense, and while we may not be permitted to wield our swords, yet, we can give expression to our feelings on account of the atrocities perpetrated ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That our Representatives in Congress be furnished with a copy of this expression, and that they be urged to use their best endeavors, through the proper channels of our Government, to at once put a stop to the murder of Christian men, women and children of Armenia.

HENRY C. WIDUP,
LINCOLN GUINN,
HERBERT A. PERCIVAL,
Committee.

Which was adopted by the Grand Commandery.

And we think that every Commandery in the world should show its hand on this grievous subject.

The portraits of thirty-four Past Grand Commanders adorn the pages of the Proceedings.

An excellent Report on Correspondence is furnished by one of the best of reviewers, N. R. Ruckle.

A most interesting sketched history of rise and progress of correspondents for the Grand Commandery of Indiana since its inception to this time is given in the Introductory. From it we cull the following pen-picture of the different reviews, and can only say that we could not have expressed or painted better ourselves. Read it ; it will repay you.

The correspondence reports of the different jurisdictions vary in style, both in printing and preparation, corporally and spiritually. One is written where a hammock swings under a leafy oak, where the grass grows green, and the winds, blowing across the cool waters of the bay, bring a refreshing sense of coolness. Another is indited as the author wends his way around the world ; some pages in the great ocean steamer between America and Asia, or in the Chinese ports, or along that coast of the Red Sea, which is said to be separated from the "other place" by a thickness of brown paper only. Several are evidently measured off on the leaves of a

scratch pad ; while reading others you can imagine you hear the bang of the typewriting machine. You can smell the shop in many, or sniff the printer's ink, and each bears certain thumb marks of identity.

Some reviewers, as it were, sitting serenely on High Olympus, judge the world below without concern ; others grace every page with words of courtesy and gracious titles of esteem. The writing of a review is, to many, a labor of love, and to an equal number a task of dogged perseverance. A few write for honor, many for duty ; none for profit. Many bear in mind the friendships to be gained and the distinction to be earned ; all write with the belief that their labors are a benefit to the Craft.

A system of judicious extracts often seems to be the favored plan ; others quote only to criticise, and lie in wait for the hasty decision and the ill-considered argument. One sets out plainly the history of each Conclave, delaying neither to praise or censure ; the other finds on every page a topic for commendation or discussion. Again, the opening swell of sentiment of the Grand Commander's Address, the pathos of his lament for those departed, or the well-arranged sentences of the peroration are irresistible temptations to fill up the pages which custom or the Grand Recorder has allotted to the reviewer.

To one reviewer all in Templarism is elevating. The good cheer and Knightly greetings of the Triennial, the grand parade, the noisy and brilliant receptions, the music, the crowded streets, the old friendships renewed, the new ones established, the hearty comradeship everywhere, are an exhilaration and inspiration, and he sees the Order growing to a strength and dignity beyond compare. The other sees the "danger in the flowing bowl" and finds the "cross" and "welcome" where no one else looks for it, over the door of the saloon, and glances at every besmirched creature he sees on the streets to find among her pitiful finery a Templar charm ; he feels that the world grows old and wicked, that the valiant Order is swollen with corruption and tainted with hypocrisy, and the judgment day should be close at hand.

The reports, all written by men of ability and Templar standing, cover a wide range of literary ability, and evidence different qualities of temperament and temper in the writers. As a rule, they are written in dignity and sincerity ; all with a high sense of honor, and with a desire for the advancement of the best interests of the Order.

Pennsylvania receives a fair and favorable review.

R. E. Sir WINFIELD T. DURBIN, Anderson,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir WILLIAM H. SMYTHE, Indianapolis,
Grand Recorder.

R. E. Sir NICHOLAS R. RUCKLE, Indianapolis,
Correspondent.

IOWA, 1896.

Number of Commanderies, 56; total membership, 4,343.

The Thirty-third Annual Conclave was held at Templar Park, Spirit Lake, July 14th, 1896.

R. E. Sir Thomas B. Lacey, Grand Commander.

We have never had the pleasure of visiting Spirit Lake, but from the descriptions of it and the reports of enjoyments had by the members of the Order and their families, who attend the annual conclaves, we certainly think our Fraters of Iowa are highly favored.

Only two Decisions are reported: The first, that a member cannot hold two offices at the same time; the second, that it is permissible to adopt a By-Law requiring all members to uniform themselves.

At the Conclave of 1895, a committee was appointed to revise the Templar law so that it would conform to the Code of the Grand Encampment. The committee reported that as the Grand Encampment *did not* act upon or adopt the Report of Committee on Revision, they had nothing to do, hence they had "drafted a code which they believe will be in accord with the proposed statutes to be adopted by the Grand Encampment." Well, perhaps! but it is difficult to tell what the G. E. will adopt—if they reach the point of adoption.

The Report on Correspondence is by J. C. W. Coxe, D. D. It shows a careful reading and study of the various proceedings, and well repays perusal. Pennsylvania receives courteous notice and all her acts are passed upon without criticism. His summing up in conclusion shows the depth of thought engaged in the work; we borrow the following:

"VISITATION.

"It sometimes happens that two friends will meet,
 And, with a smile and touch of hands, again
 Go on their way along the noisy street.
 Each is so sure of all the friendship sweet,
 The loving silence gives no thought of pain.

"And so, I think, those friends whom we call dead
 Are with us. It may be some quiet hour,
 Or time of busy work for hand or head—
 Their love fills all the heart that missed them so,
 They bring a sweet assurance of the life
 Serene, above the worry that we know ;
 And we grow braver for the comfort brought.

"Why should we mourn because they do not speak
 Our words that lie so far below their thought?"

R. E. Sir THOMAS R. ERCANBRACK, Anamosa,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir ALFRED WINGATE, Des Moines,
Grand Recorder.

E. Sir J. C. W. COXE, Washington, *Correspondent.*



KANSAS, 1896.

Number of Commanderies, 42 ; total membership, 3,247.

The Twenty-seventh Annual Conclave was held in Lawrence, May 12, 1896.

R. E. Sir Robert E. Torrington, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander presents a carefully prepared report of his official acts for the Templar year. His opening is a beautiful epitome of Templar duties and privileges. We make the following extract :

We have not invented a single new art, but we have elevated all art. We have not discovered any method by which to photograph hidden objects in the dark recesses of the human body, but we have cast rays of purer, brighter living into darkened lives, and the world understands its secret forces better in the brilliant rays of Templar Masonry. As Knights Templar, we represent an institution which has been a source of hope and comfort to millions in the days gone, which has inspired men with higher purposes and given them victory over selfishness and sin, and thus to-day is one of the brightest object-lessons before the world to teach the exalted principles of fraternity, courtesy, and beneficence.

No Decisions reported.

Under recommendations we find the following, which commends itself to all interested in the Order :

4. I find that, in many of our Subordinate Commanderies, it is the rule to open in short form and without uniforms, so that many of the Sir Knights know little or nothing regarding the full opening ceremonies. The result is also that there follows a lack of military discipline, both in the sword exercises and ordinary movements required in conferring the Orders, which detracts from the beauty of these ceremonies. I therefore recommend the enactment of a law making it obligatory on each Eminent Commander to open his Commandery in full form, at least once in each month.

The attention of Eminent Commanders is respectfully invited to the action of the Grand Encampment of the United States in 1892, and also in 1895, by which it was ordered that the "essentials" of the Order of Knights of Malta must be communicated in connection with and at the time of conferring the Order of the Temple upon a candidate, and before he signs the By-Laws of the Commandery.

And the following :

ARMENIAN CHRISTIANS.

There comes up to us a long, despairing cry from the persecuted Christians of Armenia, whose situation is appalling in this advanced age of Christian civilization. As of old, the cruel Turk is waging a war of extermination against the followers of the Cross, and the outrages perpetrated are almost beyond comprehension, while Christian Nations stand by and simply protest, without a single stroke to stop this shame and disgrace to the age. Let the united voices of our 100,000 chivalric Knights reach the halls of legislation and the executive of this nation, to cause this blot on humanity to cease at whatever cost, and if necessary the swords of half a million of new crusaders will leap from their scabbards to assist the work. Already the Grand Commandery of Louisiana has sent up their remonstrance to Congress and the President, to use the power of this great nation in this cause.

The Grand Commandery adopted the following :

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed to draft a suitable memorial to the President of the United States requesting him to use his friendly offices with the Sultan of Turkey in behalf of the Armenian Christians.

E. Sir A. M. Callahan, presents an excellent Report on Correspondence. Pennsylvania, for 1895, receives careful review. He does not like the Decision of Grand Commander Wanger against carrying the U. S. flag by a Commandery. Well, we do not either, but as so many correspondents have referred to this subject we will answer all in our Conclusion.

Again, he does not like the Decision requiring a Templar who had been made irregularly, being required to go through the form of a re-ballot and again having the Orders conferred upon him. And again we agree with the reviewer, but having delivered ourselves upon this subject in a former report, we will say no more now.

He also differs with the Grand Commander in deciding the following:

When a Commandery nearest the residence of a petitioner for the Orders refuses permission to the Commandery in which the petition was presented to act upon the petition, it is equivalent to a rejection by ballot in the Commandery in which the petition was presented at the time of the refusal.

On this subject we must again agree with Bro. Callaham. We certainly think that should the companion desire to petition his nearest Commandery direct, that that Commandery would have the right to receive said petition, but should it act favorably upon same, it places itself in a most awkward position under our rendering of the meaning of request for permission to ballot by other than the nearest Commandery, which is as to Masonic fitness. For, under this construction, that Commandery by refusing permission and thereafter approving his petition, would virtually say, he is Masonically unfit for membership in your Commandery, but is good enough for us.

In the conclusion of the Report an interesting and instructive condensation is given under Excerpts and Comments, consisting of the opinions of the various Correspondents on the most vital questions under discussion during the year.

R. E. Sir WM. C. HOLMES, Parsons,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir A. M. CALLAHAM, Topeka,
Grand Recorder and Correspondent.

KENTUCKY, 1896.

Number of Commanderies, 25 ; total membership, 1,931.

The Forty-ninth Annual Conclave was held in Richmond, May 27, 1896.

R. E. Sir Samuel H. Stone, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander presents an able report of his year's work.

The first complaint reported was based upon the law of perpetual jurisdiction and was decided in accordance with the Constitution.

The next was one of a decidedly unique character, viz.—complaint that a Subordinate Commandery was in the habit of granting a rebate of \$25 to each candidate for the Orders. The Commandery acknowledged that they did as charged, but it was for the benefit of the Order. In explanation they stated that they required the full fee and then allowed \$25 of same to go unpaid, with the distinct understanding that the candidate was to use it for the purpose of purchasing his uniform within a given time, and all of this, it was argued, was done for the purpose of getting new blood into the Commandery in order to better its condition and bring it out of a comatose state into which it had fallen.

Neither the Grand Commander or the Grand Commandery could see the propriety of such a flagrant violation of Templar law, so justly condemned such action. The erring Commandery promised reform and was forgiven.

Referring to the Triennial at Boston the Grand Commander regrets that the Subordinate Commanderies of Kentucky did not unite in one headquarters for the credit of the State instead of having separate entertainment ; and we think he was right.

The most excellent Report on Correspondence is again from the pen of Charles R. Woodruff, and will well repay any who

peruse it. Pennsylvania receives favorable mention and commendation. He agrees with the universal verdict that, from a business point of view, the Boston Triennial was a failure.

R. E. Sir REGINALD H. THOMPSON, Louisville,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir LORENO D. CRONINGER, Covington,
Grand Recorder.

E. Sir CHARLES R. WOODRUFF, Louisville,
Correspondent.



LOUISIANA, 1896.

Number of Commanderies, 4 ; total membership, 328.

The Thirty-third Annual Conclave was held in New Orleans, Feb. 14, 1896.

V. E. Sir M. L. Scovell, as Grand Commander, as the Grand Commander, R. E. Sir Charles F. Buck, was detained in Washington, being a member of Congress.

The Grand Recorder read the report of the Grand Commander.

A number of Dispensations were granted to ballot out of time in order to hurry up some who wanted to attend the Triennial at Boston. Of the Triennial the Grand Commander speaks in the highest praise.

He recommends legislation on the subject of uniform, and heartily endorses the idea of a "Lake-side Encampment."

Resolutions expressing sympathy for suffering Armenia, and urging Congress to take proper action for its relief, were adopted.

The Report on Correspondence is signed by J. Q. A. Fellows and R. Lambert, and covers the proceedings of the various Grand Commanderies. In starting out they state that they had determined to adopt the general plan of reviewing each grand body separately, but after reading Frater Moore's (of Alabama) review, written on the topic plan, they were undecided as to which course they would pursue. As a result the review partakes of both, and we do not think it up to previous reports from the same pens.

R. E. Sir M. L. SCOVELL, *Grand Commander.*

R. E. Sir RICHARD LAMBERT, *Grand Recorder.*

R. E. Sirs J. Q. A. FELLOWS and RICHARD LAMBERT,
Correspondents.

MAINE, 1896.

Number of Commanderies, 19; total membership, 3,067.

The Forty-fifth Annual Conclave was held in Portland, May 7, 1896.

R. E. Sir Frederick S. Walls, Grand Commander.

Peace and prosperity are reported for the past Templar year.

A complaint of invasion of Maine's jurisdiction by a Massachusetts Commandery is reported, but ample explanation and apology was made and harmony was restored.

A complete roster of officers and members of Subordinate Commanderies is given in the proceedings.

The Report on Correspondence is signed by Stephen Berry, Josiah H. Drummond, Edward H. Burnham, and is announced as *their* twenty-first, so that they, or one of them who assumes the editorial plural and writes the Introductory, is of age as correspondent. Well, the report is good whoever wrote it. In reviewing Ohio he quotes the following from Sir Carson, which is such sound American common sense doctrine that we re-quote it for fear we may miss it in reviewing Ohio, hoping that some of our National legislators may imbibe the spirit, which seems scarcely to be hoped for, judging by past experience :

"It would be well if the Knights Templar would unite for a crusade upon foreign communists and anarchists, and declare that they should not be allowed to proclaim their damnable, red-flag, incendiary doctrines in this country. When some rascally foreigner goes out and advocates burning, destroying of property by fire or dynamite, and murder against society and capital, he should be tried, convicted, and hanged as speedily as possible.

"No such doctrine should be allowed to be preached in any place where the stars and stripes is the emblem of the governing power."

A courteous review of Pennsylvania, for 1895, is given. Kindly reference to Grand Commander Wanger's address is made, as also to our Report on Correspondence.

We give the

CONCLUSION.

After the heavy loss of correspondents last year, we have a year of respite, as might be expected, for there is no reason why correspondents should not live their three-score and ten. To be sure, great writers like Shakespear, Byron, Scott and Keats, have died young, but that need not frighten us. Still our chronicles have a graveyard look, they are strewn so thick with funereal garlands : but that we cannot help, for as our numbers grow, so must the roll of names spread out for whom the lots are cast by angel hands. After all, history is but a chronicle of noble lives. The world is born a babe again every year, and nature never notices whether it is Khufu or Napoleon who rides beneath the shadow of the pyramid. The world may grow older, but we cannot see it, for when Thothmes excavated the Sphinx from the sand which had buried it for a thousand years, it looked as venerable to him as it now looks to us, yet that was before the time of Father Abraham. So we must make our history of those who have passed our way, and of the lives which they have lived. Wit, humor and anecdote may enliven it, but that is the gist of it. Too much space should not be given to it, for with our great membership we must expect fifteen hundred deaths a year, and a brief record of the more distinguished must suffice. Perhaps they will not care, for how can we tell that in nobler duties and nobler ways, the thoughts of earth may not fade away as the petty cares of childhood fade in the heart of the grown man, or that

“Dreaming through the twilight
That doth not rise or set,
Haply they may remember,
And haply may forget.”

R. E. Sir ALBRO E. CHASE, Portland,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir STEPHEN BERRY, Portland,
*Grand Recorder and Chairman of Committee
on Correspondence.*

MARYLAND, 1896.

Number of Commanderies, 12 ; total membership, 1,132.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Conclave was held in Baltimore, Nov. 24, 1896.

R. E. Sir William H. Clark, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander presents a business paper in his report.

The following extract shows a commendable state of affairs as existing in the Grand Jurisdiction :

During the past year a simple request or two for my decision as G. C. Commander have been submitted—and these of such comparative small import, that a reference to the code was sufficient for my decision, which clearly shows the familiarity of the presiding officers of the several Subordinate Commanderies with the jurisprudence of this Grand Commandery, as well as that of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and also for the peace and harmony of the Fratres within our own jurisdiction.

I am pleased to state, that a careful inspection in the various Subordinate Commanderies of the work as laid down by the ritual of the Grand Encampment, shows a most creditable and praiseworthy rendering. Indeed, I think this Grand Commandery has cause for congratulation in having Subordinate Commanderies officered by so painstaking and zealous Sir Knights, in thus rendering the Ritual of the Grand Encampment to so near a degree of perfection.

We have heretofore referred with strong commendation to the system of supervision on the part of the Grand Commandery of Maryland over the officers selected to preside over the Subordinate bodies. Under this system they must pass muster as to efficiency or stand aside.

One case of Discipline is reported, where charges having been preferred against an Eminent Commander in his Blue Lodge. The Grand Commander removed him from office and directed the Generalissimo to assume control.

A complete regulation on Uniform is published, amended to date—1896.

R. E. Sir Ferdinand J. S. Gorgas, presents his Twentieth

Report on Correspondence, and it falls none behind its predecessors in quality and interest. Pennsylvania receives careful and commendable attention. He commends our criticism of character of entertainment offered at Grand Encampments, as also our remarks on matters left undone by the Grand Encampment.

Thanks, Bro. Gorgas. "Them's our sentiments," and, believing that we are appointed to think as well as write, we will try to express our honest belief and views.

R. E. Sir GEORGE COOK, Baltimore,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir JOHN H. MILLER, Baltimore,
Grand Recorder.

R. E. Sir F. J. S. GORGAS, Baltimore,
Correspondent.



MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND, 1896.

Number of Commanderies, 45 ; total membership, 11,789.

The Ninetieth Semi-Annual Conclave was held in Providence, R. I., May 28, 1896, and the Annual Conclave in Boston, October 29, 1896.

R. E. Sir Eugene H. Richards, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander presented two able reports at the Semi-Annual and Annual Conclaves respectively. We shall review them as one, as both come in same year.

Thirteen Dispensations are reported, some of them to ballot at Special Conclaves, though in some jurisdictions this has been decided unlawful. As we have said in other reviews, we do not see why, if a dispensation can be granted to ballot out of time, we see no reason for further compelling it to be done at Stated Conclaves.

But one Decision is reported, viz., that a special assessment made at a Special Conclave after all members had been notified as to the business to be transacted was valid.

St. George Commandery, stationed at Beverly, Mass., petitioned asking exclusive jurisdiction over certain towns respecting which there had been dispute. This matter was settled by adopting the following :

Resolved, That Winslow Lewis Commandery of Salem and St. George Commandery of Beverly, have and exercise *concurrent* jurisdiction over the entire town of Danvers, and that St. George Commandery have and exercise *exclusive* jurisdiction over the towns of Wenham, Hamilton and Ipswich.

We find the following under

INSPECTIONS.

The Commanderies of this jurisdiction have all been inspected by officers of this Grand Commandery to whom they were assigned. The reports of the inspecting officers are generally favorable, and with few exceptions the Commanderies are prospering and in good financial condition. The old trouble of a large number of Sir Knights without uniforms still exists, and

it would seem as if some action should be taken to remedy this state of affairs. The uniform is an important part of the institution, and should be procured and worn by every candidate on receiving the Order of the Temple. The number Knighted during the past year is 628, which, in view of the great additions just before the Triennial, and the dull state of business, is very encouraging. It is within eight per cent. of the average for the five years from October, 1889, to October, 1894.

I suggest that there be legislation adopted requiring all notices of Conclaves, regular or special, sent out by Commanderies, to be placed in sealed envelopes.

I also recommend that the title of Grand Lecturer be changed to Grand Inspector, it being much more appropriate to the duty performed.

The following—to our mind—excellent report of Committee was adopted :

To the Grand Commandery.

Your Committee on Map of the Jurisdiction respectfully report that considerable progress has been made with the work, which is greater than was supposed at the time the Committee was created, though its importance was well understood. It is the aim of the Committee to make the least possible change in the lines of jurisdiction of the several Commanderies, but to have these lines accurately defined and indicated upon the map, at the same time regarding town lines as the natural division. Working maps have been prepared and the plan of division outlined respecting a portion of the jurisdiction, but the work is not sufficiently advanced for presentation at this Conclave, and the Committee therefore ask further time in which to complete it. They request that the matter may be continued to the next Semi-Annual Conclave.

The Report on Correspondence is by R. E. Sir Henry W. Rugg, and E. Sir Thomas E. St. John, and, as heretofore, is done by division of proceedings between the two. Both are able writers, and jointly present an excellent review. Pennsylvania, for 1895, receives Knightly attention at the hands of E. Sir St. John. All Decisions and Acts, as well as Address of Grand Commander Wanger, have his commendation.

R. E. Sir WILLIAM R. WALKER, Pawtucket, R. I.,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir BENJAMIN W. ROWELL, Boston,
Grand Recorder.

R. E. Sir HENRY W. RUGG, Providence, R. I.,
E. Sir THOMAS E. ST. JOHN, Haverhill, Mass.,
Correspondents.

MICHIGAN, 1896.

Number of Commanderies, 44 ; total membership, 5,457.

The Fortieth Annual Conclave was held in Grand Rapids, May 19, 1896.

R. E. Sir William E. Jewett, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander in his annual address gives a careful and minute account of all his official acts during the Templar year, and shows by his care in rendering every item in detail his appreciation of the duties devolving upon his office.

A large number of Decisions were made, but none of special noteworthiness, all being in line of the law.

Twenty-two Dispensations were granted for various purposes.

The Report on Correspondence is again by P. G. C. John A. Gerow, and it, together with the Proceedings of the Grand Commandery, which were also prepared by R. E. Sir John, as Grand Recorder, show careful study, diligent research, as well as most excellent judgment in their preparation. In fact, the Proceedings of Michigan rank second to none in any respect. Pennsylvania, for 1895, receives kindly and courteous notice. Referring to a Decision of G. C. Wanger, that a Commandery had done wrong in conferring the Orders upon a Companion who had only received the Chapter degrees eight days prior to said conferring of the Orders, Sir John has this to say:

“Just where anything wrong comes in in the action of this Commandery we fail to see. As we read the statutes of the Grand Encampment the only prerequisite to orders in the Commandery are that the petitioner shall be a Royal Arch Mason, agreeable to the requirements of the General Grand Chapter. Further, the statutes of the Grand Encampment declare that no Commandery, Grand or Subordinate, can add to or take from the qualifications. As far as we can see, the Commandery in this instance did no wrong.”

Well, herein was the wrong: In order to have the Orders conferred, as above stated, the Companion must of necessity have signed and presented his petition at least a month prior to that time, and as he had only received the Chapter degrees eight days previously, *he was not a Royal Arch Mason when he signed the petition for the Commandery.* Too much "hurry up."

Sir John quotes liberally from our former reference to Masonic usage in the way of healing the candidate in order to rectify the blunder of some officer or Masonic body, and says our views coincide with his. Thanks, brother correspondent. Not only for that commendation but for your other kind words.

The review of other Grand Commanderies furnishes excellent reading, and brings out some admirable thoughts, but we cannot linger.

R. E. Sir EDWARD D. WHEELER, Manistee,
Grand Commander.

R. E. Sir JOHN A. GEROW, Detroit,
Grand Recorder and Correspondent.



MINNESOTA, 1896.

Number of Commanderies, 25 ; total membership, 2,411.

The Thirty-first Annual Conclave was held in Stillwater, June 24, 1896.

R. E. Sir Harry E. Whitney, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander reports that all questions asking for Decisions were answered by reference to the law of the Order.

We find the following

SUGGESTIONS.

Committee on Forms.—Inasmuch as the revision of the Constitution and Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States was not completed at the Triennial Conclave held in Boston, Aug. 27, 1895, but postponed for final action until the Triennial at Pittsburgh in 1898, I would respectfully suggest that the Committee on Forms be granted further time to complete its labors.

Opening of Commandery in Full Form.—Finding that, in most of the subordinate commanderies of this jurisdiction, it has been the custom to open the commandery in short form, I would specially call attention to the rule prescribed in the ritual : "The commandery should always be opened in full form, except in extreme cases." Where the commandery is opened in short form, the sir knights, as a general rule, derive little or no benefit, resulting in a lack of military discipline, both as regards the manual of the sword and the customary movements required in conferring the orders, as well as detracting in great measure from the beauty of these ceremonies. Let, therefore, the ceremony of opening the commandery in full form be the rule, not the exception. What is worth doing at all is worth doing well.

The Report on Correspondence is the seventh by R. E. Sir Thomas Montgomery, and is carefully and ably written. Pennsylvania, for 1895, receives careful attention, and liberal quotations from our remarks upon Masonic healing, as also on Armenian outrages. Thanks, Frater; another year having gone by we are more strongly intrenched in our belief than ever, and are glad to see quite a number of, not only the cor-

respondents, but of the Grand Commanderies as well, lining up on this important subject.

Bro. Montgomery's explanation regarding two Conclaves a month is entirely satisfactory and explainable.

We, too, are sorry our proceedings are so late in reaching Montana, but can only hope for a better state of affairs in the future.

R. E. Sir JOHN H. RANDALL, Minneapolis,
Grand Commander.

R. E. Sir THOMAS MONTGOMERY, St. Paul,
Grand Recorder and Correspondent.



MISSISSIPPI, 1896.

Number of Commanderies, 12 ; total membership, 441.

The Thirty-sixth Annual Conclave was held in Jackson, February 12, 1896.

R. E. Sir F. P. Jenkins, Grand Commander.

One of the first duties fulfilled by our fraters of Mississippi upon assembling in Annual Conclave is to proceed to church, there to listen to an appropriate sermon. To our mind the custom is not only highly commendable, but in so far as it has been our privilege to peruse their proceedings, we feel they are more than repaid by being privileged to listen to the most eloquent discourses.

If we heartily commend the words of wisdom spoken by the Grand Prelate, we can do no less of those contained in the Grand Commander's address. They have no uncertain ring, and as we believe them to be sound Templar doctrines, we quote liberally:

Numerically, Templarism is not progressing in this State as we should like to see it. Let us not be discouraged ; let us rather redouble our efforts to elevate those already in our ranks ; let us set up a standard of morality as high as our knighthood is ancient and chivalric ; let us be just and fear not ; "Let all the ends thou aim'st at be thy Country's, thy God's and Truth's."

It is a deplorable fact that a great many have passed through our solemn ceremonies and departed from our Asylums no better men, husbands, fathers and citizens than they were before being knighted. They are Templars simply in name ; and we are weakened instead of strengthened by this class of membership. The sequence of this condition of affairs is directly traceable to the fact that we do not guard the doors of our Asylums with that circumspection that becomes true Knights.

I will make some suggestions that I believe will enure to our advantage. I submit the following : Each Subordinate Commandery should provide itself with the paraphernalia necessary to impress the neophyte when he receives the orders with their beauty and worth, and inculcate, as far as possible, those principles that are the foundation stones of true Templarism, which were so beautifully portrayed in the life and teachings of our Blessed

Master while upon earth. The officers should be Sir Knights that walk upright in all the stations of life ; christians in all the term implies, as well as thoroughly imbued with zeal and enthusiasm for the welfare of the Order. If these suggestions were followed our ranks would fill up with true, noble, God-fearing men ; men who would shed lustre upon our Order, and whose honored influence upon it could not be lessened by the flight of time, or extinguished by the winds of eternity.

Every Sir Knight who wishes to let his light shine, should connect himself with the church of his choice. Templarism was not designed to take its place, but on the contrary was intended to be its most ardent supporter, and to be ready at all times to join hands with the band of christian workers, in planting the cross in those benighted lands where the glad tidings of " Peace on earth and good will to men " has never been proclaimed ; where ignorance and crimes innumerable prevail. We are, to a certain extent, responsible for the condition of our fellow man ; and surely our " lot has fallen in pleasant places ; " our homes are in christian America. As a people, we have received many blessings at the hands of our Merciful Father, and we would be ungrateful to him if we did not make an effort to improve the moral status of those who are not so highly favored.

There is not a vale or a mountain-top where the gospel of our Blessed Christ cannot be preached. The dark days of persecution have almost vanished, and Templars should sheathe their swords and assist the church in elevating to a higher plane, both intellectually and morally, and enlist under the banner of King Emanuel those nations that are hovering in superstition and idolatry ; and who cannot enjoy the rights and privileges of an enlightened civilization. This may not be in accordance with our views, but we have the promise that we will not only be rewarded in this life, but will receive life everlasting in that home of the Christ. To obtain it we must make some sacrifices, but we must remember the example of our crucified but risen Saviour, and follow it. He left the courts of glory and dwelt among perishing humanity, suffering greater trials and persecutions than we will ever endure ; all this was done for us, and it is expected that we should, as his disciples, heed his parting words, and to all nations proclaim his truth.

Now, as Templars, our names should be on the church register ; but should not be recorded on a petition to retail vinous and spirituous liquors to be used as a beverage. The Grand Lodges of this and sister States have said that no saloon-keeper shall be a Mason ; let Christian Templarism go one step farther, and say, any one whose name appears upon a petition recommending its sale should not be admitted in our Asylums or receive any of the rights and benefits derived from an institution whose grand characteristic is a defense of the Christian religion and a practice of the Christian rites.

Sir Knights, in writing this address to you, do not think that I am desirous of depriving you of any privilege that may be accorded you by reason of your free moral agency ; neither would I attempt to withdraw my friendship from you because we may differ upon this point, but take this suggestion under consideration, and if it will be beneficial to the Order, adopt it ; if you think otherwise, reject it. I'll bear no ill will towards any one, for I believe that brothers should dwell together in peace and unity. My love for Templarism has prompted my utterance throughout. I do not want a stain upon her escutcheon, and I wish Mississippi to take the lead of her sister jurisdictions in promulgating these reforms that I conceive to be for the best interests of our Order. They may not receive the plaudits of our fellow-man, but will have the approving smiles of God, which is far better.

And we say most heartily, "So mote it be."

A number of unimportant Dispensations are reported, but no Decisions.

The Report on Correspondence is the sixteenth, by E. G. DeLap, and is a careful and interesting review, not only of the various proceedings but of Decisions, etc. We heartily commend it, although he does differ somewhat with us, especially in regard to our fealty to the Grand Encampment, where its laws come in conflict with the Grand Lodges of our respective Jurisdictions. Note the following :

We can reconcile "such rulings" with common honesty and horse sense in the face of all the rulings and edicts of the Grand Encampment, as well as all other "Grands," by the simple proposition that our first allegiance is due the Grand Lodge, and the fact that no obligations subsequent to those taken in the "Blue Lodge" required any departure from or violation of our allegiance to the fundamental institution. The Grand Encampment, composed as it is of Master Masons, is guilty of treason and perjury, when it presumes to set aside or overrule the laws and edicts of any Grand Lodge, and, such being the case, there is no legal or moral obligation resting upon us to obey its fulminations when they run counter to the laws of the Grand Lodge. At all events we don't propose to do it.

We think you are right and wrong both—right in honoring the Grand Lodge, but wrong in defying the edicts of the Grand Encampment, so long as we acknowledge obedience to it.

Referring to Grand Commander Wanger's address he has this to say:

The Grand Commander's address is quite long, well written and business from start to finish. Among the dispensations he refused to grant was one to allow a Commandery to "carry the American flag in a drill after inspection and review of the second division."

Why our distinguished brother should object to the presence of "Old Glory" on the occasion referred to, we are at a loss to imagine. It occurs to this writer that, as E. C. of his own Commandery, it would be a long time before he asked for dispensation to carry the flag of his country anywhere, at any time, where any banner is allowed. He also refused one of his subordinates permission to attend church on Sunday. This and the flag episode have a kind of bilious appearance and indicate, to an outsider, that the R. : E. : must have fallen off the perch along about that time.

His decisions were quite numerous, full, explicit and in accordance with law and sense.

Regarding the first reference he could do no less whether he was so inclined or not, for the following reason:

Some years ago our then Grand Commander made a similar decision giving as his reason, That in a Masonic parade nothing but Masonic emblems or banners should be carried. We think he made a mistake in this instance, but the Grand Commandery approved the report, and thus the decision became law, until it was repealed at the last Annual Conclave, held in 1896. Hence "Old Glory" may take its place beside the Templar banner in Pennsylvania hereafter, and thus save the Correspondent a great deal of time spent heretofore in explaining the "reason why."

No, Bro. DeLap, Grand Commander Wanger had not "fallen off the perch," nor has he done so yet. In the popular language of the day, "He's all right."

We quote from conclusion of report:

As was the case last year, there is not a ripple of excitement or a chance for a scrimmage, except along the line of the status of non-affiliated Master Masons in regard to their standing in the Commandery. The action of California, and our own, in this matter are variously commented upon by

correspondents, and these comments, *pro* and *con*, we have, to a large extent, incorporated into this report. There are some vigorous kicks by the adorers of the central excrescence, against our action, but like all emanations from this source, they don't amount to much, when sifted down and analyzed. It is a well established fact, that when the superstructure kicks away the foundation, the whole will come down and somebody will get hurt. If it is the fellows in the, alleged, upper stories, the loss will not be very great. On this subject we note the fact that we have some of the ablest minds and best men, of the Order, on our side. This is pleasant, while the bare fact cuts no figure in so far as affecting our position, a position which we have assumed because we think it correct, and not because it is the fashionable one.

The matter should have had the earnest and sensible attention of the Grand Encampment, at Boston, but it did not, as that concern very seldom indulges in the luxury of doing things practical and sensible, hence nothing was done, and the Statutes of that body are still in conflict with those of our Grand Lodge and common sense, and are likely to remain indefinitely.

R. E. Sir J. M. BUCHANAN, Meridian,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir J. L. POWER, Jackson,
Grand Recorder.

R. E. Sir E. G. DELAP, Natchez,
Correspondent.



MISSOURI, 1896.

Number of Commanderies, 58 ; total membership, 4,234.

The Thirty-fifth Annual Conclave was held in Springfield, April 21, 1896.

R. E. Sir Leslie Orear, Grand Commander.

We extract the following from opening of the Grand Commander's address :

It is not my purpose to sermonize on the teachings of these Valiant and Magnanimous Orders, or upon our duties as Knights Templar, yet I cannot refrain from adding my testimony to the fact that he who has attained these noble Orders in his search for Masonic light is brought to a realizing sense, that without the influences of Christian teaching a Mason's moral and social edifice is incomplete. The Order of the Temple, therefore bears an intimate and inseparable relationship to the ancient guild, and we should find our chiefest pleasure in pointing the newly made apprentice to the realization symbolized by the Templar's Cross.

It is gratifying to me to report that the growth of the Order in this State for the last year has exceeded our expectations.

Nearly every Commandery has shown an improved condition both in the number of its members and the increase of interest in its affairs.

Peace and harmony continue to prevail throughout our borders, and so far as I am advised, there is nothing to retard our progress or prevent us from doing those good deeds which, alike, form our duty and our pleasure.

In accordance with a resolution of the Grand Commandery, adopted in 1895, the Jurisdiction was divided into districts at opening of the Templar year, said districts being placed under charge of the different grand officers ; and the plan is spoken of as being highly successful. Such a division has been our custom in Pennsylvania for many years, they being under charge of Division Commanders, and we can certify to its harmonious and satisfactory working.

The Grand Commander speaks in highest praise of the Triennial at Boston—with the exception of the legislation of the Grand Encampment—and, naturally, rejoices over the selec-

tion of Missouri's Grand Recorder as Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment.

So far as concerns the legislative features of the 26th Triennial Conclave I have to report that very little was accomplished ; whatever was done is already promulgated in the Proceedings now in the hands of the several Subordinate Commanderies.

It is a source of peculiar gratification to me, that I am enabled to report to you that at the late Conclave of the Grand Encampment, this Grand Commandery was especially honored in the selection of our Grand Recorder, Em. Sir Knight Wm. H. Mayo, to be the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment in succession to R. E. Sir Knight W. B. Isaacs, deceased. The Secretariat of that Grand Body is thus removed to the geographical centre of the Union, and we trust that efficient service of the incumbent will induce its continued location in St. Louis.

Quite a number of Decisions are reported, all being of interest, but as they would require too much space to intelligently report them, we will only give one as of more than ordinary interest :

The Eminent Commander of Ascalon No. 16, stationed at St. Louis, was requested by Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory No. 2, stationed at Toronto, under the Jurisdiction of the Sov. Great Priory of Canada, to confer the Orders of Malta and Red Cross upon a Sir Knight who had been regularly installed as a Knight Templar in that Preceptory, and pending the completion of the work upon him, had removed to the City of St. Louis. The Eminent Commander being in doubt as to what course he should pursue in the premises, submitted to me the question whether he should proceed with the work, as requested by Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory No. 2. I entertained no doubt as to his right to communicate the Order of the Red Cross to the visiting Sir Knight, first being satisfied that he had been regularly installed as a Knight Templar, but the ceremonies pertaining to the Order of the Temple in the Dominion of Canada and the various Commanderies in the United States of America are slightly at variance, and not being fully advised as to the status of one who has received the "Inception, Consecration and Installation Ceremonies" in the Preceptory, I submitted the question to the M. . E. . Grand Master, asking him to define the status of such an one. He was pleased to say : That the status of the Sir Knight was that of a foreign Knight Templar regularly created, and that there is no impediment in the way of Ascalon Commandery, No. 16, completing the work as an act of courtesy.

A most favorable report is made of the Masonic Home. We give but an extract :

When we reflect that the children of our Companions in Arms, who have fallen, are here sheltered from helpless orphanage, and with tender solicitude are fitted for the active duties of life, our hearts glow with satisfaction that we have been instruments for good.

I take this opportunity to urge upon every member of this Grand Body that he visit the Home whenever he can do so ; see the bright, smiling faces that fly to greet you upon your coming, and hear them sing "God be with you till we meet again," upon your going ; the irresistible sweetness of the scene will forever dispel any doubt you may have entertained that the Masons of this great empire State will provide for this Home. There are now in the Home eighty-two children, eleven old brothers, nine widows, and three other worthy inmates, making a total of one hundred and five.

The Report on Correspondence is the nineteenth from the able pen of Missouri's Grand Recorder, William H. Mayo, and maintains the standard of his previous productions. Pennsylvania receives long and satisfactory reference.

R. E. Sir IRA V. McMILLAN, Maryville,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir WILLIAM H. MAYO, St. Louis,
Grand Recorder and Correspondent.



MONTANA, 1896.

Number of Commanderies, 8 ; total membership, 348.

The Ninth Annual Conclave was held in Butte, September 14, 1896.

R. E. Sir Edward D. Neill, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander presented his Annual Report, covering his official acts for the Templar year. We take the following from same, without comment, as it speaks for itself, and agrees with our views :

I have been asked to define the words "Christian Religion," and though in my mind the answer to this question is very clear, the Order has ever been conservative, and, as we think, rather shirked the courage of its own convictions, in refusing to give any general definition.

I find in the Proceedings of Pennsylvania for 1895, the following : "But we consider the belief in the Trinity so interwoven into every atom of the Templar Ritual and structure as to leave no room whatever for discussion or argument. If there be no firm belief in the Trinity, then to a certainty is our house builded on sand."

And again, quoting from the address of the Grand Commander of Texas for 1894 : "It is the earnest desire of my heart that prompts me thus to exhort you on this occasion, rather than consume the hour on what we call Ancient Templarism, clad in sanguinary robes, and immortalized in history for daring and heroic deeds to secure an empty sepulchre ; but to inspire your hearts to a nobler warfare, and secure a fadeless crown, which He, who rose triumphant from that tomb, has promised to place upon your brow, if faithful to the end "

Again, quoting from the address of the Grand Master of Victoria for 1895, we find the following : "The religious aspect of our Order requires more serious consideration. That grand cosmopolitan society—Freemasonry—assures every candidate on his entering it, that no vow will be required of him contrary to his religious belief, but at the very portal of our Holy Order, he is asked to declare his belief in the Holy Trinity."

The following is the expression of the Grand Encampment on this all-important question, and is to be found on page 37 of the printed proceedings of that body for 1883 : "To the question, What is the exegesis of, or what is the Christian religion which as Knights Templar we are pleased to defend? I replied : The Ritual contains those things which a Knight obligates himself to believe and perform. The Grand Master has no authority to give additional definitions or theological views on the subject. The en-

tire body of Sir Knights who are connected with the Order have taken the existing obligation to the satisfaction of their own consciences, and it is fair to presume that those who may hereafter be elected will find no difficulty in following the same course."

The Grand Encampment was pleased to approve the above expression of Grand Master Dean, for which see page 268 of the same volume, report of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Decision No. 5, made by Grand Master H. L. Palmer, see proceedings of the Grand Encampment for 1868, page 17, and approval of the same by the Committee of Jurisprudence, page 70 of the same volume, is as follows :

"No one can properly be a member of our Order, 'which is founded on the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues,' who is not a firm believer in the religion of Jesus Christ ; no one who does not acknowledge Him as the Savior of mankind, and believe in the atonement offered up by Him on Calvary, can be a worthy Knight Templar. The rules of the Order, however, do not require any further or more definite profession of faith than is comprehended in the ritual. One who ridicules or makes light of the Holy Bible, or scoffs at religion, is an unworthy member of the Order."

In view of the above, and calling to my mind some of the many passages of the Ritual, as follows: "The Immaculate Word," "The human skull resting upon the Word of God," "The lesson by the Senior Warden," "The ascension scene," "The Prelate's address," "The Presentation of the bal-dric," and finally, "The entire Order of Malta," I give my answer by stating "a full belief in the Apostles' Creed," which we recite upon occasions of public worship.

But one Decision is reported, viz.: That members of a Subordinate Commandery cannot vote by proxy at annual elections.

A number of Dispensations were reported, but none of special interest.

The Grand Commander gives a complete report of his official visitations.

The election of grand officers caused a rather strange transfer in same: Cornelius Hedges, Grand Recorder, was elected Grand Commander, and the retiring Grand Commander, Edward D. Neill, was elected Grand Recorder. We congratulate Bro. Hedges as well as the Grand Commandery.

A resolution was adopted requesting the Grand Command-

er-elect to appoint himself correspondent; and again we congratulate both.

Cornelius Hedges presents the Report on Correspondence. Pennsylvania, for 1895, and 1896, receives Knightly reference and review. He has this to say regarding our report for 1895 :

The Correspondence Report, by Past Grand Commander Lee S. Smith, is all good, but what he says, under Montana, about a Christian protectorate for Palestine, has done us more good than anything we have come across for a long time. He has been in that country, and speaks of what he has seen and knows. General John C. Smith, of Illinois, is another who has travelled in the Orient, and heartily favors the plan of rescuing Palestine from Turkish domination. With the whole Smith family with us, there is good hope of success. The late lamented George C. Connor, now in the Heavenly Canaan, once said that he had been through Palestine, and wouldn't give two-bits for the whole country. The curse of Turkish misrule has dried up all the springs of fertility and vitality. But all its former beauty and fertility could be restored under a good, stable, intelligent government. Turkish misrule has converted the fairest and most fertile regions of Europe, Asia, and Africa into a desolate wilderness. While we deprecate the waste and demoralization of war, we are compelled to concede that the conditions and cost of maintaining peace sometimes are worse than the horrors of war. We believe that a notice to quit, served by united Christendom, would clear the Turks out of Palestine and other countries now held by them.

And this of our report for 1896 :

Past Grand Commander Lee S. Smith again prepared the Review of Correspondence, beginning with that of the Grand Encampment, which is very full, and his criticisms very just. The tedious delay, general use of wines, and even stronger drinks, and the grievous neglect of important business, deserves reprobation. We hope it will be better at Pittsburg.

We sincerely hope so, Bro. Hedges, and as to your remarks regarding the Turkish outrages we endorse every word, and think, now that those outrages have continued to grow worse and more unbearable year by year, there ought to be and are, many others falling into line, as witness the various Proceed-

ings. We as individuals can do little, but what we can we should do, and as an Order we should do much by wielding a strong moral influence for right. Centuries have gone by since the Crusaders of old battled with the bigoted Turk, but he has not changed for good one particle. He is the same old enemy to Christianity to-day that he has always been. All he wants is power, and that the nations of the world seem too prone to grant him.

We take the following from his concluding remarks, and also endorse every word of it :

We advocate the application of arbitration in the settlement of national controversies in lieu of war, and it is still more essential that we use our united influence to the uttermost to assuage the bitterness of domestic controversies ; to recommend and enforce by precept and example courtesy to the opinions of those who differ with us ; to prevent by all honorable means the arraying of one section of the country against another, or of one class against another. As in the conflict of arms, so in the strife of opinions and interests there is such a thing as honorable warfare. We have known the fatal effects of sectional strife, and let us have no more of it, so long as the world stands. Every section of the country is interested in the welfare of every other section, and there is no room for any narrow sectionalism. Equally, if not more dangerous, is the disposition to array one class against another, labor against capital, employes against employers, the poor against the rich. On the high plain of more correct reasoning the common interests of all classes are greater than the separate interests of any one. Especially should united and heroic efforts be made to crush out the wild spirit of anarchy which occasionally flaunts its red flag of blood and fire. In a country like ours, where our public schools and the cheapness of the public press allow no excuse for ignorance, and the poor man may become rich by industry and frugality, there is no good ground to complain, and still less to resort to abuse and violence.

R. E. Sir CORNELIUS HEDGES,
Grand Commander.

R. E. Sir EDWARD D. NEILL,
Grand Recorder.

R. E. Sir CORNELIUS HEDGES,
Correspondent.

NEBRASKA, 1896.

Number of Commanderies, 23 ; total membership, 1,712.

The Twenty-fourth Annual Conclave was held in Omaha, April 16, 1896.

R. E. Sir Charles B. Finch, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander presents a complete report of his official acts for the Templar year.

A number of Decisions are reported, all being in harmony with laws of the Grand Encampment, and none of special general interest.

Under Recommendations we find one that is beyond question sound Masonic doctrine, viz.:

And I recommend that action be taken by this Grand Commandery making it unlawful to use rituals, or notes from same, in open Commandery while conferring the orders.

The Committee on Correspondence reported that owing to lack of funds requisite for publishing such report in Proceedings, no report had been prepared.

R. E. Sir RICHARD P. R. MILLER, Lincoln,
Grand Commander.

R. E. Sir WILLIAM R. BOWEN, Omaha,
Grand Recorder.



NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1896.

Number of Commanderies, 11 ; total membership, 2,060.

The Annual Conclave was held in Concord, September 29, 1896.

R. E. Sir Daniel C. Roberts, Grand Commander.

An excellent report is presented by the Grand Commander. His introductory remarks show a firm belief in the principles of the Order and its duty to mankind.

He reports that he had visited each Subordinate Commandery during the year and recommends that the grand officers attend these official visitations whenever it is at all possible, believing that such action on their part will tend to promote the good of the Order ; and he is, undoubtedly right. Nothing does more to create an interest and incentive to thorough work than the presence of the grand officers.

He does not think that Jurisdiction should be perpetual. He granted permission to three Commanderies to enter the Jurisdiction of New Hampshire, and says :

I am aware that objection is made to this usage and that in some quarters it is ridiculed. I hope, however, that it may be maintained, simply because it affords an opportunity for an exchange of courtesies.

We see no objection.

Dispensations granted were all in regular order.

The Report on Correspondence is by E. Sir A. S. Wait, and carefully covers Forty-two Proceedings. Pennsylvania, for 1895 and 1896, is reviewed in a satisfactory manner : all our acts are commended. He says that the report of Triennial Committee, for 1898, makes it "evident that our fraters of Pennsylvania do not intend to prove wanting in anything

necessary to the appropriate reception of that august body.”
Right you are, Bro. Wait. Our boys are in earnest.

R. E. Sir JOHN HATCH, Concord,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir GEORGE P. CLEAVES, Concord,
Grand Recorder.

E. Sir A. S. WAIT, *Correspondent.*



NEW JERSEY, 1896.

Number of Commanderies, 16 ; total membership, 1,736.

The Thirty-eighth Annual Conclave was held in Trenton, May 12, 1896.

R. E. Sir Edward Mills, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander's Report is a commendably clear and carefully prepared report of doings of his office. Quite a number of Dispensations were granted, all of usual form.

By a reference in the Report we learn that Pennsylvania is not the only Jurisdiction in which the "hurry up" fever takes such deep hold as to cause some to have petitions signed by those not yet Royal Arch Masons. But New Jersey's Grand Commander, like our own, put a veto upon such conduct.

An interesting case of insubordination and discipline is reported in full. We only extract sufficient to make it understood:

The Grand Commandery, at a previous Conclave, had declared the charter of a Subordinate Commandery arrested, but upon demand being made, the members of the Commandery refused to surrender same, and continued to hold Conclaves, transact business and confer the Orders, giving as an excuse for so doing, that they had appealed to the Grand Encampment. The Grand Encampment refused to act on the appeal because of its irregularity as it did not come as it should do—as a resolution to the Grand Commander and from him to the Grand Master. The case thus coming back to the Grand Commandery of New Jersey, and the insubordinate Commandery still refusing to surrender its charter, the Grand Commander issued a general order revoking all its rights and refusing any recognition of it whatever and declaring its charter forfeited. The Grand Commandery adopted the report, and by resolution, directed the Grand Captain-General

to prefer charges against all concerned in the affair, and appointed a commission to try them.

The Report on Correspondence is by Past Grand Commander Charles Bechtel. Pennsylvania, for 1895, is embraced in same. No criticisms are presented, so we assume that all was satisfactory.

We take the following from his conclusion :

Already some Grand Commanderies have appointed committees to make preparations for the next Triennial Conclave, at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and there is no doubt that a large number of Templars will attend.

There should be some rule adopted that would prevent these large gatherings from interfering with the business of the Grand Encampment. We make this suggestion to the wiser heads of the Grand Encampment, in order that they may devise some means by which business could be transacted.

The sentiments of the last paragraph we particularly endorse and commend : they accord with our views of last year's to a nicety.

R. E. Sir ROBERT DINGWELL, Newark,
Grand Commander.

R. E. Sir CHARLES BECHTEL, Trenton,
Grand Recorder and Correspondent.



NEW YORK, 1896.

Number of Commanderies, 58; total membership, 11,037.

The Eighty-third Annual Conclave was held in Utica, Sept. 8, 1896.

R. E. Sir Horace A. Noble, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander's address is replete with information as to official acts during the Templar year. Many Dispensations were granted, and but one Decision reported, and it in strict conformity with Templar law.

A sad case is reported, being the removal of an Eminent Commander from office, because of his expulsion from his Chapter, after due trial.

A committee of four was appointed for the purpose of preparing a memorial to be presented at next Triennial Grand Encampment, asking that the taxation of Grand Commanderies be made equal in amount.

The various grand officers presented reports of their visitations during the year, which reports were printed in full in the Proceedings.

E. Sir Jesse B. Anthony presents the Report on Correspondence, a careful reading of which shows that he had not been idle during the year. We take the following from his Introductory :

The anticipation that the Grand Encampment, at its last Triennial, would solve some questions upon which there is an element of uncertainty, an apparent conflict with recent enactments by Grand Lodges, and also to perfect the much needed revision of the Constitution and Digest of the Grand Body, did not materialize, and from all along the line dissatisfaction is expressed at this seeming neglect of matters of grave importance to the Order. The Triennial was a magnificent success in its festivities and pleasures, but a failure in all other respects.

The tidings from the several camps are of the most encouraging character, and the reputation of the Order to-day is of a more elevated character than ever before. To maintain its high prestige demands of its followers—from the Sir Knight to the Grand Commander—a strict conformity to the obligations enjoined, obedience to the elevating teachings of Templarism, practical

exemplification of the duties of pure charity and beneficence, a correct walk and deportment in harmony with the spirit of Christian Knighthood, and a laudable ambition for its pre-eminence in all those essentials which go to make up a good and successful organization.

Pennsylvania, for 1895, has due consideration.

Regarding Grand Commander Wanger's decision upon the rights of a demitted Knight Templar, he says:

The decision, that "a demitted Knight Templar has a right to apply wherever he pleases for membership. No Jurisdiction or Commandery has the slightest claim upon him, and no one can deny him that right except through the negative law," we believe to be common sense and should be the law, but—the Grand Encampment has decided otherwise.

He pronounces the address of Grand Commander-elect Spencer "a gem," and gives most of it to his readers. Thanks.

His explanation on the subject of our remarks on the custom prevailing in New York, of granting Dispensations for balloting out of time, are quite satisfactory, and the following shows that his views on that subject coincide with ours:

To be frank, we do not think there is any necessity for the wholesale granting of such dispensations, and if the time limit is an essential point (and seemingly the Grand Encampment holds it to be such), then the power to grant dispensations, to shorten the time, should be done away with.

"So mote it be."

A number of carefully prepared and interesting statistics are presented, one or more of which we shall borrow, with our most knightly bow of acknowledgment, and thanks to the compiler.

R. E. Sir JOHN A. MAPES, New York,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir JOHN F. SHAFER, Albany,
Grand Recorder.

E. Sir JESSE B. ANTHONY, *Correspondent.*

NORTH CAROLINA, 1896.

Number of Commanderies, 12; total membership, 347.

The Sixteenth Annual Conclave was held in Newbern, May 13, 1896.

R. E. Sir W. S. Liddell, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander presented his Annual Report, and it gives his reason for granting "all dispensations asked for," that "In our Jurisdiction where the Commanderies have been small, the refusal of a dispensation will result disastrously oftener than for the good of the Order."

Well, we think his reason broad enough to cover all emergencies, though we cannot agree with his conclusions, as nearly all of the dispensations were to ballot out of time. It does not work disastrously to refuse dispensations of this class, even with the smaller Commanderies. In point of fact we think it conducive to the life and efficiency of the Commandery, as it is of the Order, to have fixed rules by which to be governed, and then to stand by them.

The Grand Commander makes an earnest and timely appeal on behalf of the Oxford Asylum, the property of the Masonic fraternity of North Carolina.

The Grand Commander refers to the Triennial at Boston, principally to emphasize the fact that "good cheer" abounded in North Carolina headquarters, but judging by his further reference to the subject, we fear the "cheer" was misnamed.

The Report on Correspondence is by John C. Chase, and is well written. Pennsylvania for 1895 receives careful consideration. Referring to our Grand Commander's address he says of his decisions: "Many of them were apparently made necessary by a deplorable ignorance of the laws of the Order." Not so, Frater Chase; we are sorry, indeed, to confess it, but the facts are that it was caused by a knowing violation and an ignoring of the laws of the Order, and that within the

asylums of some of our most intelligent and best informed
Commanderies. All right, Frater Chase, we shall hope to
meet you in Pittsburg in '98. "GOD be with you till we
meet again."

R. E. Sir WILLIAM B. WITHERS, Raleigh,
Grand Commander.

Sir HORACE H. MUNSON, Wilmington,
Grand Recorder.

Sir JOHN C. CHASE, Wilmington, *Correspondent.*



NORTH DAKOTA, 1896.

Number of Commanderies, 7.; total membership, 427.

The Seventh Annual Conclave was held in Fargo, June 12, 1896.

R. E. Sir Clarence A. Hale, Grand Commander.

Prosperity is reported for the year, with an increase in membership of twenty-eight.

The following was adopted :

ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.

The members of the Grand Chapter were unanimously of the opinion that in connection with the Annual Conclave there should be an encampment in which all members of all Subordinate Commanderies could participate, and at which competitive drills could be had, and to stimulate efforts in this regard that the best drilled Commandery should be named as Custodian of the Grand Commandery banner until such time as it should be awarded to another Commandery for greater excellency in drill and tactics. That all arrangements should be made in due time for such an encampment.

MOVED :

That the arrangements for the holding of an encampment at Devils Lake at the time of the Grand Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery be left to a committee consisting of the several Past Grand Commanders.

No Report on Correspondence.

R. E. Sir WILLIAM T. PERKINS, Bismarck,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir FRANK J. THOMPSON, Fargo,
Grand Recorder.

OHIO, 1896.

Number of Commanderies, 55 ; total membership, 8,071.

The Fifty-fourth Annual Conclave was held in Dayton, Oct. 14, 1896.

R. E. Sir John P. McCune, Grand Commander.

The occasion of this Conclave being held in Dayton served a double purpose : first, it being the regular Annual Conclave ; and, second, it enabled the members of the Grand Commandery and fraters to unite with Reed Commandery, of Dayton, in celebrating its Fiftieth anniversary. The occasion was a grand success, and one long to be remembered.

But one Decision is reported:

Question. A Sir Knight of this Commandery has asked for and received his dimit. Can we elect him an honorary member, he not being a member of any Commandery ?

Answer. Honorary membership is dependent on active membership, hence an unaffiliated Knight can not be elected to honorary membership.

Reference is made to irregular Conclaves, they being special meetings held at earlier hours than those designated in By-Laws for regular Conclaves and then styled in minutes regular Conclaves. It appears that some of these Conclaves were called as early as two-thirty P. M., for business and work. The Grand Commander, very properly, discountenanced such practice, and directed it to be discontinued.

R. E. Sir Enoch T. Carson presents his Twenty-first Annual Report on Correspondence, and is, therefore, of full age as Correspondent.

Some member of the Grand Commandery seems to have disapproved of Bro. Carson's report of previous year, and so wrote unknightly letters to him and others regarding it. Bro. Carson hands the letters over to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, which censures the letter-writer, and the Grand Commandery approved report.

We can't review all of Sir Carson's report. We wish we could, for there is plenty in it to review, so we can only say what we always have said, that it is among the best. Pennsylvania is carefully considered. Referring to our system of the Grand Recorder's Record of Applicants for the Orders, and requiring Subordinate Commanderies to ask if there is anything on the Record before balloting, he says :

We don't understand this regulation. How the Grand Recorder could have charges against one not a Templar at all puzzles us.

Only this, Bro. Carson : the Record shows if the petitioner has applied before ; if so, when and where.

For commendation of our report, accept thanks.

In his "Conclusion" Bro. Enoch takes off his gauntlets and proceeds to handle some of his critics on subject of Androgynal Masonry in a way that leaves no room for doubt as to his meaning. If he don't give names, they will not be apt to ask, "Is it I?"

R. E. Sir BARTON SMITH, Toledo,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir JOHN N. BELL, Dayton,
Grand Recorder.

R. E. Sir ENOCH T. CARSON, Cincinnati,
Correspondent.

OKLAHOMA.

Number of Commanderies, 3 ; total membership, 131.

The First Annual Conclave was held after Constitution, in Guthrie, February 10th, 1896.

E. Sir Cassius McDonald Barnes, proxy of Grand Master Thomas, opened the Convention.

The Warrant of the Grand Master was read, after which a Grand Recorder was elected, and the body then proceeded with the election of Grand officers.

R. E. Sir Cassius M. Barnes, was elected Grand Commander.

E. Sir Harper S. Cunningham, Grand Recorder.

After the election of a full line of officers they were duly installed in accordance with the Ritual of the Order.

Grand Commander Barnes delivered an able address, from which we cull the following :

Sir Knights :

We are to-day to organize and institute a Grand Commandery of Knights Templar for the Territory of Oklahoma, the home of our adoption. We feel that we have served our full term of pilgrimage and now seek to be admitted to all the honors and rewards that await those who have endured the trials and hardships of several years of orphanage. Without a Grand Commandery each separate Commandery feels like an orphan, and we now propose to lay the cope stone, and to complete and perfect the organization of Templar Masonry in Oklahoma.

I love Templar Masonry because of its beautiful ritual, its magnificent forms and ceremonies, and its magnificent membership of noble men inspired with the grand and good principles upon which the Order is founded, but I love it more because of those great principles and because the important and beneficent lessons it teaches reach down to the very bottom of the hearts of its votaries and bring up the brightest gems that are to be found therein.

And it is to advance the welfare of each of our fraters in this Territory and to spread more far and wide among good people the well-earned fame of our beloved Order, that we meet to-day to institute a Grand Commandery of Knights Templar.

We start with three separate Commanderies, all of which are fully represented here to-day, and under a legal warrant and dispensation issued by

our beloved M. · E. · Grand Master, WARREN LARUE THOMAS, and though we are very young and are not strong in numbers yet we are assured of the hearty co-operation and support of thousands of the swords of our fraters all over this broad land in our efforts to display, support and protect the banners of Templar Masonry.



OREGON, 1896.

Number of Commanderies, 6 ; total membership, 415.

The Tenth Annual Conclave was held in Portland, October 8, 1896.

R. E. Sir B. E. Lippincott, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander presented a report of his official acts for the Templar year, which shows that his labors were light. Few Dispensations and no Decisions are given.

The Grand Commandery has organized a fund for the purpose of purchasing a banner to be competed for by competitive drill.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved: That a committee be appointed, of which the Grand Commander shall be *ex-officio* chairman, to investigate the feasibility of securing suitable grounds at some appropriate place for a permanent location of Grand Commandery headquarters.

R. E. Sir John M. Hodson, presents the Annual Report on Correspondence, and a careful perusal shows it is well done. Pennsylvania, for 1895 and 1896, has full consideration and full commendation, except that he seems to think that there should be some end to re-petitioning after rejection of applicant for the Orders ; and his reference shows that if he is not a professional of the Diamond Field of modern days he at least remembers some of the rules governing the old time ball game, as he says "When we were a boy, 'three tips was out.' "

Referring to question of the Trinity and our remarks on same, he says, "Faith without works is dead." True, Brother Hodson, and yet a house without a foundation cannot stand, and any one familiar with our Ritual well knows that its every item is based upon a firm belief in, not only the Christ-

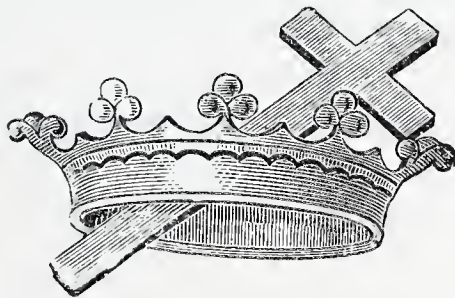
ian religion, but upon the Trinity, and that means nothing sectarian whatever.

He says, "We doff our cap and return hearty thanks," for our compliments for his report. All right, E. Sir, "We greet you," and return our humble acknowledgment for kind words said.

R. E. Sir ROBERT S. BEAN, Salem,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir JAMES F. ROBINSON, Eugene,
Grand Recorder.

R. E. Sir J. M. HODSON, *Correspondent.*



SOUTH DAKOTA, 1896.

Number of Commanderies, 11; total membership, 718.

The Thirteenth Annual Conclave was held in Huron, June 12, 1896.

R. E. Sir Frank A. Brown, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander's address shows a careful record of his official acts for the year.

In 1894 the Grand Commandery of South Dakota made an assessment upon all Subordinate Commanderies equal to \$1.50 for each member for purpose of paying expenses to Triennial at Boston. All but two complied with the order. One of them held back the amount until its charter was arrested, then complied and charter was restored. In the case of the other Commandery, the officers said they were not able to pay, but if given time would do so; accordingly time was granted.

The following under

DECISIONS.

Many minor points have been submitted for opinions, but few questions have arisen that are not fully and unequivocally answered by the laws of the Order. But three questions seem to me worthy of record:

First. The Ritual says: "Three Knights Templar, hailing from three separate Commanderies, and acting under a legal warrant, may form and open a Commandery of Knights Templar for the dispatch of business." Does this apply to a Commandery to permit it to do business when less than nine are present?

Answer. A quorum in a Commandery consists of nine members entitled to vote therein, including an officer entitled to open the Body. I know of no rule that permits a visiting Sir Knight to participate in the "business" of a Commandery.

Second. On the question of the legality of the annual election of officers of a Subordinate Commandery, I held that such an election held prior to "the last Stated Conclave in April" is illegal and void. In this connection, I desire to ask the attention of the Committee on Jurisprudence to the question as to whether the Laws printed in the proceedings of 1895 are regularly adopted?

Third. The Grand Commander has no authority to grant a dispensation

to a Commandery permitting it to receive a petition for the Orders at other than a Stated Conclave.

By resolution the officers were requested to open the next Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery in full form, and also to exemplify one or more of the Orders, all for purpose of instruction.

The Report on Correspondence is by Samuel H. Jumper. It is well prepared. He furnishes an interesting table of statistics showing gains and losses for Templar year 1894-95. By it we learn that

Thirty-six Grand Commanderies show gain,
Three, losses, and
One, no change.

In gain the three highest are Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Pennsylvania and Ohio, proportioned as named.

Reference is made to Pennsylvania in a knightly review, and Grand Commander Spencer's inaugural address is liberally quoted. Reference is made to the "Old Glory" decision, but as so many correspondents have referred to that subject, we will make a general reference to it in our Conclusion as answer to all. Thanks for kind words regarding our report.

R. E. Sir JAMES J. CASSELMAN, Huron,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir GEORGE A. PETTIGREW, Flandreau,
Grand Recorder.

E. Sir SAMUEL H. JUMPER, Aberdeen,
Correspondent.

TENNESSEE, 1896.

Number of Commanderies, 15 ; total membership, 1,090. .

The Thirty-fourth Annual Conclave was held in Jackson, May 14, 1896.

R. E. Sir Orion L. Hurlbut, Grand Commander.

But six days elapsed from date of Conclave until the printed Proceedings were issued, a feat of which the Grand Recorder is justly proud. The long delay in issuing Proceedings of various Grand Commanderies—our own included—is seriously embarrassing at times.

The D. G. Commander, Robert W. Haynes, welcomed the grand body to Jackson in well-chosen words, which were responded to by the Grand Commander.

The annual sermon was delivered by the Grand Prelate, E. Sir William A. Freeman.

The Grand Commander's address is a carefully prepared official document, showing strict attention to business on his part. We take this from his opening :

The past Templar year has been a continuation of the period of waiting for better times, begun three years ago ; and, while a high standard of qualification for membership has been maintained throughout our Jurisdiction, and I have only to refer you to the several reports of our Grand Visitors to prove the moral strength of our Commanderies, in point of numbers we have barely held our own.

This period of waiting has not been without its advantages. There is a strength that is born of waiting that is more stable than that of rapid, pushing progress, and I feel that this strength is ours, and that when the dawn of a new era of prosperity, already brightening the Eastern sky, becomes bright day, we shall resume our forward movement with tried and tested columns, bearing our banner—the Banner of the Cross—onward and upward toward the summit of our ambition, the final approval of the Great Captain of our Salvation.

Under Decisions several are reported bearing upon the ever present question, arising under subject of suspension in Lodge

or Chapter and its bearing upon Commandery membership : said decisions were in accordance with the law.

The following in Jurisdiction :

Question—A Royal Arch Mason living in Johnson City petitions St. Omer Commandery for the Orders of Knighthood, and states that in 1891 or 1892 he petitioned Johnson Commandery, No. 14, of Virginia, was elected, but was ruled out by that Commandery as being within the jurisdiction of Cœur de Lion, No. 9, at Knoxville. Can his petition be received and acted on by St. Omer, No. 19?

Answer—The petitioner's election in Johnson Commandery, No. 14, of Virginia, was evidently illegal, and therefore void, and would be void even if legal, owing to the length of time allowed to elapse. St. Omer Commandery, No. 19, can therefore receive and act on his petition.

Full reports of the various Grand Officers who acted over districts are recorded.

The following report of Committee, which was adopted, has no uncertain ring, and shows that our Fraters of Tennessee recognize what is the true spirit and teaching of the Order :

To the Right Eminent Grand Commandery of Tennessee:

Your Committee to whom was referred the resolution introduced by Eminent Sir T. W. Crutcher, are in full sympathy with the spirit of said resolution and recommend for adoption the following :

1. The Grand Commandery of Tennessee declares the business of manufacturing for sale as a beverage, or selling spirituous or malt liquors as a beverage, to be contrary to the teachings of our Order, and that any Knight Templar engaging in said business, either as principal or employee, does so in wilful disregard of his duty and obligation as a Knight Templar.

2. Should there be a Knight Templar in this Jurisdiction, either affiliated or unaffiliated, who is engaged in said business, it should be the duty of the Commandery to which he belongs, or within whose jurisdiction he resides, to issue notice at once requiring said Knight to discontinue said business within six months. If he shall fail to do so, the Commandery shall prefer charges, and upon conviction, said Templar shall be suspended or expelled.

3. After the promulgation of these Statutes, should a member of any Commandery in the State of Tennessee, or any unaffiliated Templar in this Jurisdiction, engage in said business, as principal or employee, it shall be the duty of the Commandery to which he belongs, or under whose jurisdic-

tion he may reside, to prefer charges against him, and upon conviction, he shall be suspended or expelled.

4. It shall be the duty of Subordinate Commanderies to strictly enforce these Statutes, under the penalty of a forfeiture of Charter.

There is no use in mincing matters or in calling black white. The truth must be acknowledged and the sooner our various Grand Commanderies recognize it, and step to the front, the better will it be for the Order. The greatest evil and danger that menaces our Order to-day and stands in its way to prevent its accomplishment of the greatest good is this subject of intemperance.

The Grand Commander refused to grant a Dispensation to a Commandery to confer the Orders on Sunday; and the action was very properly approved. Our Order is intended to aid the Church, not to interfere with it. The Sabbath is a day of rest not one of work.

During the session of the Grand Conclave a banquet was tendered by the resident Templars, and, from reports, proved a happy and joyous occasion. We cull but one reference which speaks volumes for right :

At the close of the banquet Sir Knight W. P. Roberts, presided as toastmaster and proposed "The Grand Commandery of Tennessee," for response calling upon Grand Commander Orion L. Hurlbut, of Chattanooga. The Grand Commander's words were not many, but they were pearls of eloquence and truth. In the course of his remarks he asked all the Knights to rise, and (holding a glass of water in his hand) said : "In this pure water let us drink to the future prosperity of Jackson Commandery, No. 13." The toast was drunk with a hearty good-will, and the sentiment brought cheers from the audience.

Grand Recorder Wilbur F. Foster, presents a careful and interesting Report on Correspondence. Pennsylvania, for 1895, receives consideration. The only fault we can find with it is his disposition to make a Wagner out of Grand Commander Wanger—a slight transposition of letters and a natu-

ral mistake in dealing with names, as we have found out, and one we generally properly charge to the account of the printer.

Referring to our remarks on subject of aspirants for office he says :

Surely our Brother does not advocate the practice of electioneering for Masonic office. A laudable ambition is not only right, but in every way commendable. But to seek office by the arts of the politician—to go to this, that, and the other Brother and ask for his vote, has to our mind always been degrading and a practice to be condemned.

Not by any manner of means do we think favorably or approve of electioneering for office, and no such one could ever receive either our vote or support, but there are honorable and knightly ways of showing “a laudable ambition” and such ways we commend ; in other words, as we said before, if a Brother has not sufficient ambition to desire the honors of office it is our opinion, based upon careful observation, that he will neither honor the office or perform the duties devolving upon same with credit either to himself or the Order.

We give the conclusion of report with the feeling that there is too much truth in the statement, and yet we patient reviewers write on because it is our duty :

Well, our Report is finished, “copy” is about to go to the printer, and we confess that the work is not at all satisfactory to this writer. But we are consoled by the remark of a kind but somewhat cynical friend who says, “O don’t bother ! nobody will read it anyhow.”

His remark is too true. Stipulating that the application shall be made to other Reports than those of this writer, we have long wished to say, and do now say, that the fact is to be greatly regretted that these Reports upon Correspondence, prepared by the patient thought and study of some of the most competent writers in America, are not more accessible to the entire membership of the Order, and more highly prized by them as of great value for the condensed information which they contain.

Many of those who receive copies turn the pages with indifference, and

give but careless attention to that which has cost the writer many weary hours of reading, research and thought.

We do not know the remedy, but hope for the best ; and so commending our Brethren, at home and abroad, to the loving care of Him who doeth all things well, we remain,

R. E. Sir ROBERT W. HAYNES, Jackson,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir WILBUR F. FOSTER, Nashville,
Grand Recorder and Correspondent.



TEXAS, 1896.

Number of Commanderies, 31 ; total membership, 2,129.

The Forty-second Annual Conclave was held in San Antonio, April 22, 1896.

R. E. Sir John McDonald, Grand Commander.

An eloquent address of welcome was delivered by Sir J. H. McCleary, which was responded to by the Grand Commander.

We have always found some rare gems in the address of the Grand Prelate of Texas, and so now we are disposed to cull from the sermon for this year, because we believe it worth preservation :

So of our beloved Order. Early in the fourteenth century the spirit of persecution raged with fiendish and demoniacal fury in the breast of the perfidious and revengeful King Philip—or Philip the Fair as he has been called—and, aided by a fitting accomplice in Pope Clement the Fifth, determined to suppress the Order. Having all power in his hands, he resorted to the most cruel and diabolical means of torture to force the valiant Knights to renounce their allegiance to it, and failing in this, scores upon scores of the faithful were burned alive, and went through flames triumphantly to the skies, and are now reaping a martyr's reward.

We cannot dwell upon the sickening and blood-curdling scenes through which the chivalrous Knights of our Order were called to pass, surrendering their lives rather than surrender their principles and their attachment to Christ and His sacred teachings. The bull of Pope Clement, which he issued in the year of 1312, for the total annihilation of the Order of Knights Templar, and caused to be proclaimed in every country in Christendom, together with the vile machinations of the hated Philip, did for a season suppress, but failed to annihilate it. "Truth crushed to the earth will rise again," and in due time the Order was revived, and through a long line of Grand Masters our hallowed principles have been preserved, and to-day the banner of the Cross floats over Templar asylums in every civilized land on our globe. We are the true lineal descendants of those valorous martyred Knights who gave up their lives in the defense of the Divine Martyr who died upon the cross. O, can we not to-day sing :

"In the cross of Christ we glory,
 Towering o'er the wrecks of time ;
 All the light of sacred story
 Gathers round its head sublime."

Sir Knights, have we not vowed to fulfill all offices of kindness and love? Is it not ours to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, succor the needy and to bind up the wounds of the afflicted, to protect the innocent, the widow and the orphan? In all this we are imitating Christ, our model. If in any of these things we have failed, we have not only come short of duty, but the loss is ours, in the rich reward a consciousness of duty performed would surely have given us. Let us review the past and wherein we have been derelict, resolve to begin this new Templar Year with double diligence, and seek the daily benediction of the Master.

The Grand Commander presented his Annual Report, which shows careful consideration for the interests of the Order.

The following under Decisions explains itself, and, although not difficult of decision is the first question of the kind we remember of hearing raised :

November 13th, 1895, in answer to inquiry from Sir E. R. Norton, Recorder of San Antonio Commandery, No. 7, K. T., I answered as follows :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER :—Your communication under seal of the Commandery, asking for ruling as to the right of San Antonio Commandery, No. 7, to receive and act on the petition of M. Mendil, a Scottish Rite Mason of the City of Mexico, has been received. By reference to Sec. 6, Article 4, of the Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment, K. T., of the United States, we find that Royal Arch Masons *only* are eligible to the Orders. Bro. M. Mendil is therefore not eligible.

Balloting out of statutory time seems quite prevalent in Texas, as shown by Dispensations granted, twenty in number for that purpose alone.

An interesting report on Templar history is presented by a special committee appointed for that purpose.

E. Sir Robert M. Elgin presents the Report on Correspondence, and does his duty well. Pennsylvania, for 1895, has full and careful consideration. He does not approve of Grand Commander Wanger's decision on subject of Jurisdiction. He says, regarding absence of review of Pennsylvania last year :

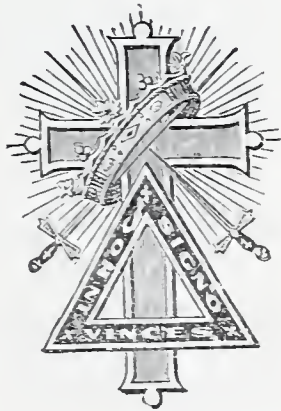
Sir Knight SMITH, we regret that your Proceedings did not reach us last year. Pennsylvania always has a courteous word from us when it comes to hand. To us, their proceedings are always interesting.

Thanks, Bro. Elgin. Were it not for distance we would shake hands, for we always like to read the Proceedings of Texas. But as the distance is too great for that purpose, we will content ourselves by appointing a proxy in the person of our dear friend, Sir Knight Dr. C. A. Wilson, formerly a neighbor, but now a resident of San Antonio. If you have not yet met him, do so if occasion permits.

R. E. Sir J. F. BRINKERHOFF, Waco,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir ROBERT BREWSTER, Houston,
Grand Recorder.

R. E. Sir ROBERT M. ELGIN, Houston,
Correspondent.



VERMONT, 1896.

Number of Commanderies, 10 ; total membership, 1,458.

The Fifty-fourth Annual Conclave was held in Burlington, June 9, 1896.

R. E. Sir Silas W. Cummings, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander presented his Annual Report, giving a careful account of his official acts.

The Grand Officers each presented reports of their visitations, which were printed.

No Decisions reported.

Sir Kittredge Haskins presents an excellent Report on Correspondence which is recorded as his third. Pennsylvania, for 1895, receives knightly attention and commendation. We quote the following from his concluding remarks, with hearty commendation of the sentiments expressed :

We have also endeavored to abstain from any unseemly criticism and contention in what we felt it our duty to write. The law governing the Templar Bodies is so plain and so easily understood that there is but little opportunity for errors, in rulings and decisions, to be committed. Occasionally, a Grand Commander finds in the Code of Statutes contradictory provisions. But when taken together, and with a full comprehension as to whether certain provisions relate to a Grand Commandery, its Subordinates and officers, or to the Subordinates holding warrants directly from the Grand Encampment, the construction is easy and free from doubt. As we have said, we have endeavored to avoid in writing up our review, all unseemly criticism and contention with our Freres of other Jurisdictions. When we were younger than we now are we delighted in argument and contention, but at our age in life we neither find it profitable or pleasant to carry a "chip on our shoulder" and dare some one to knock it off ; nor do we find pleasure in imagining that our brother bears one on his shoulder and challenges us to an attempt to knock it off.

R. E. Sir ROBERT J. WRIGHT, Newport,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir WARREN G. REYNOLDS, Burlington,
Grand Recorder.

R. E. Sir KITTREDGE HASKINS, Brattleboro,
Correspondent.

VIRGINIA, 1896.

Number of Commanderies, 20; total membership, 1,481.

The Seventy-fourth Annual Conclave was held in Richmond, Nov. 26, 1896.

R. E. Sir John T. Parham, Grand Commander.

The address of the Grand Commander furnishes nothing of special general interest to the Order.

A number of Dispensations are reported, and but two

DECISIONS.

January 15th. In answer to question of Luray Commandery, No. 19, in regard to donating fees to ministers of the Gospel, I decided in the negative, under Title XXII of the Code of Statutes, which says the fees for the Orders cannot be remitted, directly or indirectly, by vote of money to the candidate.

April 29th. In answer to question from Grice Commandery, No. 16, asking if a Templar from Delaware residing in Portsmouth, Va., having his demit from the Delaware Commandery, could join Grice Commandery, No. 16, without a waiver of jurisdiction from Portsmouth Commandery, No. 5, I answered in the negative. As long as the Sir Knight resided in Portsmouth, No. 5 alone had jurisdiction over him. See decision of Past Grand Commander D. J. Turner in case of Appomattox Commandery, No. 6, in 1892.

This may be in accordance with precedent in Virginia but not as understood and approved in many other Jurisdictions.

An interesting report of the Masonic Home, of Virginia, is presented, showing a most commendable condition of affairs in the workings of that institution. Having had the pleasure of visiting the home some years since, we can from personal observation testify to its excellent condition, and fully justify our Virginia brethren's pride in it. Certainly no better exemplification of the true principles and precepts of Free Masonry could be given than in this direction.

A complete roster of all the Subordinate Commanderies is given.

No Report on Correspondence.

R. E. Sir E. H. MILLER, Danville,
Grand Commander.

R. E. Sir JAMES E. BLANKS, Petersburg,
Grand Recorder.



WASHINGTON, 1896.

Number of Commanderies, 9 ; total membership, 592.

The Ninth Annual Conclave was held in Seattle, June 3, 1896.

R. E. Sir Horace W. Tyler, Grand Commander.

We cull the following from opening of the Grand Commander's address :

I trust that our deliberations will reflect credit upon ourselves and upon the cause of Templarism. It has been seemingly, to most of us, but a few weeks, at best only a few months, since last we met in Annual Conclave. Yet the world strides on and has marked another year in the epochs of history. What great truths are continually being exemplified ; what lessons of Charity and Hospitality set before us—and are we profiting by them as we ought ? Do we render to each other those services to which we have become bound as Masons and Knights Templar ? Are we setting examples worthy of imitation, and using our influences for the betterment of mankind ? If not, we are falling short of our duty and neglecting the teachings of our noble Order. Since last we met we have been often reminded of the "Scythe of Time," to which our attention was called among the first lessons of our Masonic life, and of which we are being constantly reminded by the passing away of near and dear friends, a brother Mason with whom we have often sat and enjoyed fellowship, or a dear relative, perhaps a wife, mother, sister or daughter. It should remind us that we should be ever ready that we may secure that ineffable and eternal happiness that is promised us in the world to come.

Several Decisions in regular line were reported.

If there is one matter that more than another causes the various Commanderies, and Grand Commanderies, more trouble than another, it is the misunderstanding as to the status of a Knight who signs a petition for either a dispensation or charter for a new Commandery, and Washington had one such which caused considerable correspondence before it was finally righted ; and in this case, as in hundreds of others, it was all caused by the failure of the Recorder of the new Commandery to certify to the various Commanderies from which the petitioning Sir Knights came, the fact of

their having signed said petition and thereby becoming members of same.

A proper observance of the law bearing on this subject would save much trouble.

The Grand Commander issued a General Order authorizing all Commanderies of the Jurisdiction to attend Divine service on Good Friday, Easter or Ascension Day, which was proper and right, and then recommends that the Grand Commandery pass a standing resolution granting such authority. But the latter cannot be done, as the laws of the Grand Encampment are very explicit in saying that it can only be done by Dispensation by the Grand Commander; and so thought the Committee, whose report was adopted.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Yancy C. Blalock, and is recorded as his fifth, and shows that our Fraters of the far West are keeping in step and touch with the best and oldest. Pennsylvania receives an impartial reference consisting of quotations exclusively, without comment.

R. E. Sir GEORGE E. DICKSON, Ellensburg,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir YANCY C. BLALOCK, Walla Walla,
Grand Recorder and Correspondent.



WEST VIRGINIA, 1896.

Number of Commanderies, 11 ; total membership, 878.

A Special Conclave was held in Grafton, May 30, 1895.

V. E. Sir John C. Riheldaffer, as Grand Commander, for purpose of constituting De Molay Commandery.

The Twenty-second Annual Conclave was held in Charleston, May 13, 1896.

R. E. Sir W. H. H. Holswade, Grand Commander.

The following reference to the Grand Encampment is from the Grand Commander's address :

This has indeed been a most memorable year in the history of Templary throughout the entire length and breadth of this great country. The 26th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, held in Boston, proved to be a veritable Mecca for the one hundred and ten thousand Templars under its jurisdiction. Could Peter, the Hermit, who enlisted so many valiant and dauntless warriors for the Crusades, have been permitted to come upon earth in the flesh and gaze upon the scene presented in that never-to-be-forgotten throng, what, may we infer, might have been the result of his comparison with the chivalrous minions of the middle centuries? In 1816, when this Grand Body was formed, there were only eight Commanderies ; only five hundred Knights Templar in the United States. Now there is a membership of 110,000—forty-two Grand Commanderies, having under their immediate jurisdiction 950 Subordinate Commanderies. Besides these there are thirty Subordinate Commanderies under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment.

Commanderies have been established in every State and Territory except Alaska. The Grand Encampment has established also an asylum in Honolulu, Sandwich Islands. Surely Boston was a most appropriate place for the meeting of this great and magnanimous order. As we gazed upon Faneuil Hall, the birthplace of our civil and religious liberties, and Bunker Hill, a monument to the heroes of those troublous times, stood upon Plymouth Rock, dedicated to the Pilgrim Fathers, what emotions filled our breasts as we recalled the deeds of heroism, of privation and isolation of the brave hearts, who, with undaunted fortitude, hewed out for their posterity so goodly a heritage.

We find the following under Decisions :

A Sir Knight having removed into another State, and having remitted to his Commandery all dues and arrearages against him ; made request in

writing for a dimit, so that he might petition his home Commandery for membership. His Commandery, by motion, granted the dimit. Some one present made a statement reflecting upon his moral standing and fitness to be the recipient of a dimit; whereupon the Commandery, on motion, reconsidered its recent act, granting the dimit, and a further motion directed the Captain General to prefer charges against the applicant at the next stated Conclave.

At that time the Captain General reported that he had no evidence to justify him in bringing charges against the accused. A motion was then made to grant the dimit, which being voted upon was lost; whereupon several Sir Knights gave notice of an appeal to the Grand Commander for decision, which was done in regular form and elicited the following decision:

A dimit should have been issued to the Sir Knight upon payment of his dues without a motion, provided there was no objection and no charges then pending against him. (See Title 18, secs. 1 and 2, Code of Statutes.)

Question: Can a Commandery confer orders after one year has elapsed from time of election?

Answered: Yes, if not in conflict with your By-Laws and no charges pending.

Question: Is there any objection to twelve Knights Templar appearing in uniform for a short drill in a charitable entertainment?

Answered: Yes; there is nothing in law or precedent to sanction it.

The Report on Correspondence is by Albert B. White, who seems to work with fear and trembling as successor to West Virginia's veteran correspondent, R. E. Sir O. S. Long. The following is from his Conclusion:

We entered upon this work with great misgivings, which did not lessen as we proceeded. It was clearly evident to our mind that the reviewer of the proceedings of the various Grand Bodies should possess certain necessary qualifications. He should be almost of necessity an officer or ex-officer of a Grand Commandery and have sat in the Grand Encampment as a member. Not having been privileged in either respect, and the busy cares of a daily newspaper and many other interests having crowded upon our time, your correspondent felt that in justice to himself he should not have accepted the responsible task. But having done so this once with what small ability he may possess, he feels his disabilities too strongly to continue the work and steps aside for a better qualified and worthier successor. From such a past master of the art of reviewing as Sir O. S. Long to your present correspondent is too great a contrast.

All right, Brother White; you did well notwithstanding. Pennsylvania receives thorough and knightly attention. High compliment is paid to the zeal and ability of Grand Commander Wanger.

R. E. Sir JOHN C. RIHELDAFFER, Wheeling,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir R. C. DUNNINGTON, Fairmont,
Grand Recorder.

E. Sir W. W. VAN WINKLE, *Correspondent.*



WISCONSIN, 1896.

Number of Commanderies, 27 ; total membership, 2,902.

The Thirty-eighth Annual Conclave was held in Milwaukee, Oct. 13, 1896.

R. E. Sir George H. Hopper, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander presents a brief but carefully prepared report. He decided that a petitioner could not be balloted upon at a special Conclave under the laws of Wisconsin.

In accordance with Resolution of the Grand Commandery, adopted in 1895, five Rendezvous were held during the year for inspection, and a complete report of result is made. The Grand Commander thinks that the system is beneficial in many respects, not only in securing more efficient work but in bringing about a better social relation among the members. We think such a system cannot but result in good to the Order. We have found it so in Pennsylvania.

The Report on Correspondence is the Fourteenth by Sir William C. Swain, and, notwithstanding that he apologizes for its brevity, is well worth study. Pennsylvania, for 1895 and 1896, are reviewed. He says our complaint that the Boston Triennial was a failure in so far as business was concerned is the first complaint he has seen. Read again, Brother Swain, for either we or you have interpreted the different comments wrongly. But how does this agree with such a position : in his conclusion he says, referring to some mooted questions, "The whole Code, however, is in the hands of a Committee, and let us hope that at Pittsburg some of the absurdities and incongruities may be done away with." "So say we all of us," but why was that desired end not reached at Boston? This same Committee had already had the matter under advisement for three years prior to that occasion and desired to report. Simply because there was too much going on outside

to permit the proper attention and time being given to business.

R. E. Sir EDMUND C. DEANE, Racine,
Grand Commander.

E. Sir JOHN W. LAFLIN, Milwaukee,
Grand Recorder.

E. Sir WILLIAM C. SWAIN, *Correspondent.*



WYOMING, 1896.

Number of Commanderies, 5 ; total membership, 248.

The Ninth Annual Conclave was held in Rawlins, May 20, 1896.

R. E. Sir Frank M. Foote, Grand Commander.

The Report of the Grand Commander is brief and to the point. But few Dispensations and no Decisions given, and as no Report on Correspondence is made, we find nothing to review, so content ourselves with this recognition as a matter of record.

R. E. Sir ADRIAN J. PARSHALL, Cheyenne,
Grand Commander.

R. E. Sir JOHN C. BAIRD, *Grand Recorder and
Correspondent.*



FROM PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF
NEW YORK.

MEMBERSHIP—MASONIC GRADES.

	LODGE.	CHAPTER.	COMMANDERY
Alabama	11,335	1,029	376
Arizona	503	187	114
Arkansas	13,837	2,050	510
California	17,431	5,132	2,941
Colorado	7,023	2,556	1,651
Connecticut	16,632	5,215	2,298
Delaware	2,039	583	361
District of Columbia	4,791	2,140	1,565
Florida	4,622	594	218
Georgia	16,838	3,073	692
Idaho	1,084	293	158
Illinois	50,727	16,414	9,355
Indiana	27,507	6,479	3,493
Indian Territory	2,568	581	93
Iowa	26,103	7,046	4,173
Kansas	19,185	5,029	3,247
Kentucky	18,002	2,826	1,931
Louisiana	5,346	934	328
Maine	21,809	5,714	2,904
Maryland	6,892	1,662	1,087
Massachusetts	35,913	13,944	9,732
Michigan	37,706	12,338	5,457
Minnesota	15,065	4,615	2,411
Mississippi	8,795	1,419	441
Missouri	30,728	6,485	4,234
Montana	2,491	663	324
Nebraska	11,770	2,991	1,656
Nevada	847	294	136
New Hampshire	8,838	3,221	1,993
New Jersey	15,686	3,168	1,736
New York	88,573	19,400	10,710
New Mexico	883	296	296
North Carolina	10,041	765	347
North Dakota	2,312	766	406
Oklahoma	923	.....	131
Ohio	39,906	13,764	7,914
Oregon	4,803	1,238	404
Pennsylvania	48,472	15,479	10,943
Rhode Island	4,661	2,347	1,767
South Carolina	5,902	641	122
South Dakota	4,254	1,529	768
Tennessee	17,766	2,684	1,090
Texas	26,841	6,098	2,129
Utah	738	217	169
Vermont	9,521	2,650	1,458
Virginia	13,052	2,407	1,457
Washington	4,959	1,141	585
West Virginia	5,567	1,115	878
Wisconsin	16,001	5,497	2,718
Wyoming	976	258	262
	748,264	196,714	110,201
British Columbia	1,269		
Canada	22,805	4,977	1,368
Manitoba	2,334		
New Brunswick	1,764	395	
Nova Scotia	3,267	561	
Prince Edward Island	509		
Quebec	3,432	472	
	35,380	6,405	1,368
Total	783,644	203,119	111,569

GRAND ENCAMPMENT STATISTICS—1896.

	Subordinates.	Membership.	COMMANDERIES.		
			Maximum.	Minimum.	Average.
Delaware	1	361	361	361	361
Hawaiian Islands	1	32	32	32	32
Idaho.....	4	158	75	19	39
New Mexico	7	296	74	19	42
Nevada	2	136	94	42	68
Oklahoma	3	131	46	29	44
South Carolina.....	3	122	61	27	40
Utah	2	169	91	78	85
	23	1,405			

STATISTICAL COMPARISON.

	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.
Grand Encampment.....	1	1	1	1
Grand Commanderies	38	39	39	42
Subordinate Commanderies	930	954	984	995
Knighted	8,226	6,915	5,930	7,951
Affiliated	1,377	1,029	1,085	1,390
Reinstated	282	278	229	308
Died	1,265	1,368	1,334	1,501
Dimitted	2,024	1,915	1,858	2,119
Dropped and non-payment of dues	1,310	1,214	1,380	1,782
Expelled	47	57	64	80
Membership	97,765	101,675	106,026	110,201

FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF NEW YORK.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR STATISTICS.

GRAND COMMANDERY.	Subordinates.	Members.	Created.	Affiliated.	Reinstated.	Died.	Dimitted.	Dropped, and Non-payment of dues.	Expelled.	Net gain.	Net loss.
Alabama	10	376	33	7	4	9	8	18	...	8	...
Arkansas.....	13	510	36	4	4	12	15	29	3	.....	15
Arizona	3	114	14	2	...	2	.....	3	...	11	...
California	36	2,941	141	94	5	65	47	62	8	58	...
Colorado	24	1,651	74	25	9	26	42	36	1	3	...
Connecticut	11	2,298	164	4	1	46	6	17	1	99	...
Dist. of Columbia...	5	1,565	124	17	9	14	43	13	4	77	...
Florida	6	218	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
Georgia	10	692	50	4	3	12	16	20	...	9	...
Illinois	65	9,355	598	82	36	123	221	145	...	227	...
Indiana	37	3,493	209	41	11	50	68	43	1	99	...
Indian Territory ...	3	93	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	...
Iowa.....	56	4,173	238	68	18	40	149	73	5	57	...
Kansas	44	3,247	236	34	10	36	154	58	3	71	...
Kentucky	25	1,931	145	26	11	38	55	48	...	19	...
Louisiana	4	328	28	4	...	6	2	1	...	23	...
Maine	19	2,904	230	20	3	46	46	13	...	150	...
Maryland	12	1,087	100	37	3	16	31	15	...	90	...
Mass. & R. Island..	45	11,499	1,339	83	...	163	105	44	3	1,117	...
Michigan	44	5,457	255	35	8	62	80	66	6	84	...
Minnesota	25	2,411	154	55	8	26	75	35	2	77	...
Mississippi	12	441	34	3	5	10	4	12	1	15	...
Missouri	57	4,234	332	135	15	48	92	85	...	267	...
Montana	8	324	14	2	2	3	9	18	4	.....	13
Nebraska.....	23*	1,656*	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	...
New Hampshire ...	10	1,993	194	29	1	35	45	4	...	140	...
New Jersey.....	16	1,736	165	11	...	25	19	26	...	118	...
New York	58	10,710	857	80	50	158	120	372	15	322	...
North Carolina	11	347	20	2	...	8	7	8	...	.....	1
North Dakota	7	406	47	4	...	3	2	9	...	37	...
Ohio.....	54	7,914	586	184	46	121	208	126	13	348	...
Oregon	6	404	32	7	...	10	6	.....	...	21	...
Pennsylvania.....	73	10,943	660	151	...	129	144	185	4	349	...
South Dakota	11	768	56	7	4	8	38	59	...	.....	41
Tennessee	15	1,090	62	16	12	18	20	27	...	25	...
Texas	32	2,129	164	30	11	32	67	55	2	49	...
Vermont	10	1,458	93	11	...	17	21	3	...	62	...
Virginia	21	1,457	135	22	7	24	39	25	2	74	...
Washington	9	585	20	8	3	7	12	8	2	2	...
West Virginia	11	878	123	4	1	10	9	12	..	97	...
Wisconsin	26	2,718	166	40	7	38	85	8	...	82	...
Wyoming	5	262	25	2	1	5	9	1	...	14	...
Grand Encampm't.	23	1,405	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	...
Total in the U. S ...	995	110,201	7,951	1,390	308	1,501	2,119	1,782	80	4,301	70
Canada	33	1,368									
England & Wales .	120	3,300									
Ireland	42	1,300									
Scotland	20	525									
Victoria, Australia.	4	80									
Total in the world ..	1,214	116,774									

*Last year's report.

NECROLOGY.

CALIFORNIA.

E. Sir Stillman Hardy Fickett, P. G. Captain-General.

COLORADO.

R. E. Sir Webster D. Anthony, Past Grand Commander.

GEORGIA.

R. E. Sir Allen S. Gutts, Past Grand Commander.

ILLINOIS.

M. E. Sir Vincent L. Hurlbut, Past Grand Commander. Past
M. E. Grand Master of United States.

MAINE.

E. Sir William A. Albee, Grand Senior Warden.

MICHIGAN.

E. Sir R. B. McNight, Grand Senior Warden.

MISSISSIPPI.

R. E. Sir N. S. Walker, Past Grand Commander.

NEW JERSEY.

R. E. Sir Robert Dingwell, Past Grand Commander.

E. Sir Charles G. Hoar, Past G. Gen.

NEW YORK.

R. E. Sir Thomas C. Chittenden, Past Grand Commander.

OHIO.

R. E. Sir Henry H. Tatem, Past Grand Commander.

TEXAS.

R. E. Sir James Sorley, Past Grand Commander.

VIRGINIA.

E. Sir George W. Dame, Grand Prelate.

WEST VIRGINIA.

R. E. Sir Frank Rex, Past Grand Commander.

CONCLUSION.

Another year has gone and we have tried to carefully review all the Proceedings which have come to hand, and to give our views upon them. We have culled such gems of thought as seemed to us worth preservation by a re-publication in our own Proceedings.

While nothing has occurred to mar the harmony existing within our noble Order, and nothing of extraordinary interest has transpired, yet there have been a few subjects discussed to which we wish to refer in this general summing up of our report.

First.—Many of our fellow-correspondents have referred to and criticised the Decision of our Grand Commander Wanger, That the United States flag could not be carried by a Commandery on parade. We wish to say in justice to R. E. Sir Wanger, that he could do nothing else, for the following reason: Some years since our then Grand Commander decided that nothing but a Templar banner could be carried by a Commandery, and as the United States flag was not such, it could not be so used. This Decision was not intended in any respect to throw a slur upon the banner of our Country, but simply upon Masonic grounds alone; and the one who made the Decision was a lover of our Country and her flag

second to none. This Decision was approved by our Grand Commandery and thereby became a law and precedent for guidance of succeeding Grand Commanders until it should be repealed, and in accordance with it Grand Commander Wanger made his Decision. However, that is now of the past, for the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania at its Annual Conclave in 1896, repealed the law by adopting a resolution offered by R. E. Sir Wanger, granting all Subordinate Commanderies the right to carry "Old Glory."

This, we doubt not, will fully explain our position in the past and save our future correspondents from making annual explanations of the "why and wherefore," which we have been repeatedly called upon to do.

Since the subject of uniform has been relegated to the jurisdiction of the various Grand Commanderies the matter, in so far as the records show, has generally lain quiescent, but during the past year it has come into new life by the adoption of laws governing same in many of the Grand Jurisdictions.

In a large majority of the Proceedings we notice reference made to the failure of the Grand Encampment to adopt a revision of the Code at its last session, and the regret is universal that it did not do so.

The subject of the Trinity has been referred to in more than one official paper, but as we have so plainly defined our position in that direction in previous reports, and have not changed our views one iota we will add nothing more now.

Last, but by no means the least in importance as a subject for discussion in nearly all of the Proceedings, is the subject of Turkish atrocities upon the suffering and persecuted Christians of the East, and especially of those known as Armenians. When this matter was first referred to by Correspondents Cornelius Hedges, of Montana, General John C. Smith, of Illinois, and the writer of these lines, fun was made

of it by many, and we were indicated as seeking to organize a crusade against the Turk, but how times have changed! Years have gone by since that time and instead of the persecution coming to an end it has gone from bad to worse and thousands of poor, downtrodden Christians have been outraged and butchered because they would not renounce their faith. And now we find a large number of the Grand Comanderies passing resolutions of sympathy with the persecuted, and urging our Grand Master to use his influence—in the name of our Order—with our government to have it exert its influence in behalf of the wretched sufferers. But still the persecution goes on, and the great nations of Europe—as well as our own—stand idly by doing nothing. It may be urged that we as an Order are powerless to prevent the trouble, which, in one sense, is true, because we are not organized for the purpose of wielding our swords in actual warfare, but the voice of over One Hundred Thousand influential citizens such as compose our Order, if spoken in time and in right manner could not but have a helpful influence in the cause of justice and right.

This is no special atrocity on the part of the Turk. It is simply a continuation of the war that he has been waging against the Religion of Christ ever since the bloody tyrant, Mohammed, first drew his sword for its extermination. We who have traveled through the Orient are witnesses of the bigotry of the Mohammedans of to-day, and believe that it has not lost one particle of its intensity since the days of the Crusades. It has been held in check by the fear of the more powerful so-called Christian nations, but would burn with all its old time vigor did it dare do so, and from indications arising during the past few years, it appears that it dare do much as it pleases.

While we write, another chapter is added to the horrible

record, by the Cretan trouble, and because poor, little, bankrupt Greece cannot stand aloof and see the members of her family and faith, in Crete, butchered, the ridiculous spectacle is witnessed of the great European powers sending their fleets into Cretan harbors, not to compel the Turks to desist, but in *the name of civilization* to allow the butchery to go on, and for no explainable reason whatever, except upon that of jealousy the one of the other.

Then followed the crowning disgrace, that of the great nations looking on, while poor little bankrupt Greece made the noble attempt to protect herself and subjects by a war with the Ottoman Empire, with the natural consequence of her humiliation of defeat, and almost annihilation, and yet the "powers that be" could not decide upon any other course than to stand by and see the slaughter, not even permitting Greece to use her strongest arm, her navy, for fear that some of their selfish interests might be interfered with.

But, enough of this, only time can tell what the final results will be.

Our task is done, and we submit our report, trusting that the time and study given to this review may prove of interest to at least some of the members of our great and noble Order.

LEE S. SMITH, P. G. C.,

For the Committee.



ABSTRACT OF RETURNS

FROM

Subordinate Commanderies

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

OF PENNSYLVANIA.

For the Year ending April 30, 1897.

PITTSBURGH COMMANDERY, No. 1.

Pittsburgh, Allegheny County.

Second Tuesday.

HERMAN JUNKER, Eminent Commander.

Eli Edmundson, Jr., Gen.

Matthew M. Felker, P. E. C.,
Capt.-Gen.

George Heaps, Treas.

David M. Kinzer, P. E. C., Rec.,
210 Smithfield St., Pittsburgh.

Knighted, 35 ; admitted, 2 ; resigned, 3 ; died, 7 ; suspended,
3. Present membership, 663.

DIED.—William Lockhart, William H. Grim, Charles W.
Batchelor, George W. Hone, William E. Dunnigan, Henry
Stamm, James A. Gordon.

PHILADELPHIA COMMANDERY, No. 2.

*Philadelphia.**First Monday.*

LEWIS L. FORBES, Eminent Commander.

William C. Matchett, Gen. John A. Perry, Capt.-Gen.

Frank M. Highley, P. E. C., Clarence E. Steel, Rec.,
Treas. 250 N. Broad St.

Knighted, 18; admitted, 1; resigned, 5; died, 7; suspended, 10; expelled, 1. Present membership, 490.

DIED.—William H. Sheneman, John W. Leamy, Frederick Trefts, Thomas L. Essick, George C. Ludy, William Thompson, Jr., Joseph M. Hill.

JACQUES DE MOLAY COMMANDERY, No. 3.

*Washington, Washington County.**Third Friday.*

JOHN C. BANE, Eminent Commander.

Workman Hughes, Jr., Gen. James L. Stright, Capt.-Gen.

John K. McMillan, Treas. H. James A. Finley, Rec.,
Washington, Penna.

Knighted, 4; resigned, 1; suspended, 2. Present membership, 58.

ST. JOHN'S COMMANDERY, No. 4.

*Philadelphia.**Fourth Friday.*

HARRY K. LEECH, Eminent Commander.

Lewis Bremer, Gen.

George H. Banes, Capt.-Gen.

John S. Stevens, Treas.

George W. Kraemer, Rec.,
59 S. 4th St., Philadelphia.

Knighted, 22; resigned, 6; died, 19; suspended, 5. Present membership, 565.

DIED.—Hamilton Disston, Ezra H. Steel, Samuel C. Graham, John D. Hannum, Benjamin F. Coolbaugh, Alexander H. McAdam, Alexander Wanich, Charles W. Fink, Henry B. Buckwalter, Henry Flack, Louis W. Hildebrand, William H. Andrews, George Wm. Crouch, Thomas D. Watson, John C. Hutchins, Daniel Baird, John Milnes, William W. Jones, James Huston.

ST. OMER'S COMMANDERY, No. 7.

*Brownsville, Fayette County.**Second Friday.*

ALGERNON B. DONAHEY, Eminent Commander.

Rinard R. Bulger, Gen. John W. Worrell, Capt.-Gen.

Daniel H. Pearsall, P. E. C., Robert Graham, Rec.,
Treas. Brownsville.

Died, 1; suspended, 3. Present membership, 69.

DIED.—Sylvanus T. Gray.

ST. JOHN'S COMMANDERY, No. 8.

*Carlisle, Cumberland County.**Fourth Thursday.*

NILES M. FISSELL, Eminent Commander.

Samuel S. Bixler, Gen. Thomas J. Parmley, Capt.-Gen.

Joshua P. Bixler, P. E. C., John L. Henry, Rec.,
Treas. Carlisle, Penna.

Knighted, 6; resigned, 1; died, 2; suspended, 1. Present membership, 105.

DIED.—William R. Claudy, John Harder.

DE MOLAY COMMANDERY, No. 9.

*Reading, Berks County.**Second Tuesday.*

CHARLES P. HOFFMAN, Eminent Commander.

Edward F. Freehofer, Gen. Nevin M. Davis, Capt.-Gen.

George F. Hagenman, P. E. C., Albert R. Hoover, P. E. C., Rec.,
Treas. Reading, Penna.

Knighted, 10; died, 4. Present membership, 161.

DIED.—Frank K. Hain, F. A. Shultz, William I. Clous, G. S. Kinsey.

MOUNTAIN COMMANDERY, No. 10.

*Altoona, Blair County.**Fourth Tuesday.*

ANDREW S. STAYER, M. D., Eminent Commander.

George F. Jackson, Gen. Henry Oscar Kline, Capt.-Gen.

D. Howard Crawford, Treas. Timothy Davis, Rec.,
Altoona, Penna.

Knighted, 9; died, 3; suspended, 2. Present membership, 189.

DIED.—Edmund H. Turner, Charles M. Fleck, William C. Roller.

PILGRIM COMMANDERY, No. 11.

*Harrisburg, Dauphin County.**First Thursday.*

ROBERT C. WELSH, Eminent Commander.

Joseph Pomeroy, Gen.

Clark E. Diehl, Capt.-Gen.

William L. Gorgas, Treas.

Alexander W. Bergstresser, Rec.,
Harrisburg, Penna.

Knighted, 9 ; admitted, 3 ; resigned, 3 ; died, 4 ; suspended, 9.
Present membership, 193.

DIED.—William E. Fahnestock, Elias J. Unger, Andrew K. Black, George B. Eysler.

CRUSADE COMMANDERY, No. 12.

*Bloomsburg, Columbia County.**Second Thursday.*

JOHN J. LEWIS, Eminent Commander.

Cortez B. Robbins, Gen.

John R. Townsend, Capt.-Gen.,

James M. Slaver, Treas.

Christian F. Knapp, P. G. C.,
Rec., Bloomsburg, Penna.

Knighted, 4 ; admitted, 3 ; suspended, 10. Present membership, 71.

LANCASTER COMMANDERY, No. 13.

*Lancaster, Lancaster County.**Fourth Thursday.*

JOHN R. KAUFMAN, Eminent Commander.

Richard C. Rose, Gen.

J. Frederick Fisher, Capt.-Gen.

Charles A. Heinitsh, Treas.

Joshua L. Lyte, P. E. C., Rec.,
Lancaster, Penna.

Knighted, 4 ; resigned, 2 ; died, 3 ; suspended, 4. Present membership, 230.

DIED.—Gustavus E. Reichman, William Balz, David Bair Shenk.

PALESTINE COMMANDERY, No. 14.

*Carbondale, Lackawanna County.**First Friday.*

HENRY CARTER, Eminent Commander.

Samuel T. Sly, Gen.

Frank Roemmelmeyer, Capt.-
Gen.Sumner D. Davis, P. E. C.,
Treas.Henry B. Wilbur, P. E. C.,
Rec., Carbondale, Penna.

Knighted, 1 ; resigned, 1 ; suspended, 2. Present membership, 87.

JERUSALEM COMMANDERY, No. 15.

*Phoenixville, Chester Co.**Tuesday before Full Moon.*

HENRY A. JENKS, Eminent Commander.

Albert M. Sower, Gen.

George M. Diemer, Capt.-Gen.

Irwin M. Buckwalter, P. E. C., Edward T. Plush, Rec.,
Treas. Phoenixville, Penna.

Resigned, 1 ; died, 2 ; suspended, 7. Present membership, 88.

DIED.—Ephraim P. Keeley, John J. Cascaden.

NORTHERN COMMANDERY, No. 16.

*Towanda, Bradford County.**First Wednesday.*

JOHN N. CALIFF, Eminent Commander.

Herbert S. Putnam, Gen.

C. Manville Pratt, Capt.-Gen.

William Chamberlain, Treas. James H. Coddington, P. G. C., Rec.,
Towanda, Penna.Knighted, 12 ; died, 2 ; suspended, 4. Present membership,
127.**DIED.—Richard T. Dodson, Edward O. Macfarlane.**

CŒUR DE LION COMMANDERY, No. 17.

*Scranton, Lackawanna County.**Second Wednesday.*

CHARLES W. GUNSTER, Eminent Commander.

Arja Williams, Gen.

William S. Mears, Capt.-Gen.

Edward P. Kingbury, P. E. C., Edward L. Buck, P. E. C.,
Treas. Rec., Lock Box 122, Scranton, Penna.

Knighted, 14 ; admitted, 3 ; resigned, 1 ; suspended, 1. Present membership, 133.

KEDRON COMMANDERY, No. 18.

*Greensburg, Westmoreland County.**Fourth Tuesday.*

SILAS A. RISHER, Eminent Commander.

Hilary S. Brunot, Gen.

James Cochran, Capt.-Gen.

Fridolin Miller, Treas. John S. Sell, Rec.,
Greensburg, Penna.Knighted, 10 ; died, 3 ; suspended, 5. Present membership,
147.**DIED.—John A. Marchand, Noah Marker, Alexander C. Boyd.**

HUGH DE PAYENS COMMANDERY, No. 19.

*Easton, Northampton County.**Fourth Thursday.*

MORRIS KIRKPATRICK, Eminent Commander.

Robert E. James, Gen.

William S. Semple, Capt.-Gen.

James R. Zearfoss, Treas.

George S. Siegert, P. E. C.,

Rec.,

9 S. 11th St., Easton, Pa.

Knighted, 13 ; admitted, 6 ; resigned, 1 ; died, 5 ; suspended, 1.
 Present membership, 215.

DIED.—John L. Spering, Enos Werkheiser, Stephen L. Keim, William H. Wilhelm, Franklin L. Terry.

ALLEN COMMANDERY, No. 20.

*Allentown, Lehigh County.**Second Thursday.*

JOHN M. STEVENS, Eminent Commander.

Wellington H. Snyder, Gen.

Frank W. Martenis, Capt.-Gen.

Charles H. Ruhe, Treas.

Henry C. Wagner, Rec.,

Allentown, Penna.

Knighted, 14 ; resigned, 1 ; died, 4. Present membership, 194.

DIED.—John S. Allain, Francis Z. Heebner, William H. Hostetter, Elwood Ball.

YORK COMMANDERY, No. 21.

*York, York County.**First Thursday after First Monday.*

EDWARD L. SCHROEDER, Eminent Commander.

Richard E. Cochran, Gen.

David A. Minnich, Capt.-Gen.

Reuben H. Shindle, Treas.

Thomas Wood, Rec., York, Penna.

Knighted, 4. Present membership, 89.

BALDWIN II COMMANDERY, No. 22.

*Williamsport, Lycoming County.**Third Tuesday.*

HERBERT R. LAIRD, Eminent Commander.

James B. Krause, Gen.

Truman P. Reitmeyer, Capt.-Gen.

Joseph W. Mussina, P. E. C.,
Treas.William R. Prior, P. E. C.,
Rec.,

768 West Fourth St., Williamsport.

Knighted, 10 ; resigned, 1 ; died, 3 ; expelled, 1. Present membership, 172.

DIED.—Ralph March, Thomas Millspaugh, C. Grier Matson.

PACKER COMMANDERY, No. 23.

*Mauch Chunk, Carbon County.**Third Tuesday.*

ASA R. BEERS, Eminent Commander.

William L. Yaeger, Gen.

Richard S. Ruddle, Capt.-Gen.

Elwood M. Kuntz, Treas.

Laird H. Barber, P. E. C., Rec.,
Mauch Chunk, Penna.

Knighted, 2 ; resigned, 2 ; died, 1. Present membership, 106.

DIED.—Samuel B. Price.

HERMIT COMMANDERY, No. 24.

*Lebanon, Lebanon County.**Fourth Thursday.*

WILLIAM T. ATKINS, Eminent Commander.

John R. Rodearmel, Gen.

Grant Weidman, Jr., Capt.-Gen.

Joseph L. Lemberger, P. E. C., William G. Ward, Rec.,
Treas. Lebanon, Penna.

Knighted, 5 ; resigned, 1 ; died, 3 ; suspended, 1. Present membership, 89.

DIED.—James M. Gosler, John F. Hain, David S. Hammond.

NORTHWESTERN COMMANDERY, No. 25.

*Meadville, Crawford County.**Fourth Tuesday.*

GEORGE W. HOUSER, Eminent Commander.

Otto Kohler, Gen.

Emmett W. McArthur, Capt.-
Gen.William S. McGunnigle, Treas. Norman C. McLaughlin, Rec.,
Meadville, Penna.

Knighted, 9 ; resigned, 1. Present membership, 85.

LEWISTOWN COMMANDERY, No. 26.

*Lewistown, Mifflin County.**Fourth Tuesday.*

WILLIAM BAGNALL, Eminent Commander.

John A. Junkin, Gen.

James W. Wagner, Capt.-Gen.

William Irwin, Treas.

Robert H. Junkin, Rec.,
Lewistown, Penna.

Knighted, 4 ; admitted, 1. Present membership, 60.

GREAT BEND COMMANDERY, No. 27.

*Great Bend, Susquehanna County.**Third Friday.*

JOHN K. WHIELDON, Eminent Commander.

Charles M. Shelf, Gen.

Burton C. Raitt, Capt.-Gen.

William J. Day, P. E. C., Treas. Thomas Summerton, Rec.,

Great Bend.

Knighthed, 4 ; resigned, 1. Present membership, 43.

TYAGAGHTON COMMANDERY, No. 28.

*Wellsborough, Tioga County.**Third Tuesday.*

FREDERICK W. SIEMENS, Eminent Commander.

Frank A. Deans, Gen.

Gilbert H. Tremain, Capt.-Gen.

George M. Spalding, P. E. C.,
Treas.Aaron R. Niles, P. E. C., Rec.,
Wellsboro, Penna.

Knighthed, 2 ; resigned, 2 ; died, 2. Present membership, 63.

DIED.—Jesse M. Robinson, William Roberts.

KADOSH COMMANDERY, No. 29.

*Philadelphia.**Fourth Thursday.*

WALTER K. LITS, Eminent Commander.

Joseph L. R. Whetstone, Gen.

Christian Biederbeck, Capt.-Gen.

Frank Garrigues, Treas.

Alphonso C. Ireland, P. E. C.,

Rec., 431 Walnut St., Philadelphia.

Knighthed, 8 ; admitted, 4 ; resigned, 4 ; died, 6. Present membership, 351.

DIED.—Michael Nisbet, John V. Brown, Barton E. Tifft, Charles I. Cooke, James Bleloch, David S. Taylor.

MOUNT OLIVET COMMANDERY, No. 30.

*Erie, Erie County.**Fourth Tuesday.*

HENRY E. FISH, Eminent Commander.

Joseph H. Williams, Gen.

Homer M. Hill, Capt.-Gen.

Frank M. Lamb, Treas.

Arthur M. Blinn, Rec.,

14 W. 9th St., Erie, Penna.

Knighthed, 4 ; admitted, 1 ; resigned, 1 ; died, 1. Present membership, 221.

DIED.—Thomas H. Carroll.

IVANHOE COMMANDERY, No. 31.

Mahanoy City, Schuylkill County. *Second Thursday.*

HEISTER REED, Eminent Commander.

Joshua D. Jones, Gen.	Thomas L. Thomas, Capt.-Gen.
George F. Brendle, P. E. C.,	I. Y. Sollenberger, P. E. C.,
Treas.	Rec., Mahanoy City.

Knighted, 7 ; admitted, 1 ; resigned, 2 ; died, 1. Present membership, 79.

DIED.—Gustavus Roth.

HUTCHINSON COMMANDERY, No. 32.

Norristown, Montgomery County. *Fourth Monday.*

ABRAHAM H. MARCH, Eminent Commander.

Matthias L. March, Gen.	George W. Watt, Capt.-Gen.
William Stahler, Treas.	Thaddeus S. Adle, P. E. C.,
	Rec., Norristown, Penna.

Knighted, 9 ; resigned, 1 ; died, 2. Present membership, 200.

DIED.—Alexander Hutchison, William H. Koplin.

CONSTANS COMMANDERY, No. 33.

Bellefonte, Centre County. *Second Friday.*

WILBUR F. Reeder, Eminent Commander.

Robert G. H. Hayes, Gen.	George T. Bush, Capt.-Gen.
Hammon Sechler, Treas.	W. Homer Crissman, Rec.,
	Bellefonte, Penna.

Knighted, 3 ; resigned, 1. Present Membership, 64.

CYRENE COMMANDERY, No. 34.

Columbia, Lancaster County. *Third Friday.*

ISAAC S. GEIST, Eminent Commander.

William F. Maulick, Gen.	John D. Henderson, Capt.-Gen.
William G. Taylor, Treas.	Andrew J. Kauffman, P. G. C.,
	Rec., Columbia, Penna.

Knighted, 1 ; died, 1. Present membership, 69.

DIED.—Hiram G. Beattie.

ALLEGHENY COMMANDERY, No. 35.

*Allegheny City, Allegheny County.**Fourth Friday.*

HARRY S. BEAVER, Eminent Commander.

John K. Davis, Gen.

Capt.-Gen.

David Morrison, Treas.

William A. Meloney, Rec.,

Home Street, Allegheny.

Knighted, 27 ; admitted, 3 ; resigned, 3 ; died, 4 : suspended, 5.
 Present membership, 315.

DIED.—John A. Danks, Joseph M. Hall, David W. Price,
 Alfred Slack.

MARY COMMANDERY, No. 36.

*Philadelphia.**Second Thursday.*

GEORGE EILER, JR., Eminent Commander.

Alfred K. Gregory, Gen.

Frank C. Price, Capt.-Gen.

Ezra S. Bartlett, G. J. W., Treas. Alexander McCune, P. E. C.,

Rec., 47 North Thirteenth St., Phila.

Knighted, 41 ; admitted, 4 ; resigned, 1 ; died, 11 ; suspended,
 9. Present membership, 740.

DIED.—Henry Ogden, Elwood T. Carr, William P. Becker,
 Thomas B. Reeves, Jacob L. Brallier, Lineaus F. Prince,
 Andrew B. Detwiler, Henry T. Atkinson, William McMurray,
 John H. Copes, Gilbert S. Moore.

CALVARY COMMANDERY, No. 37.

Danville, Montour County. First Thursday after Third Monday.

CHARLES PUSEY, Eminent Commander.

William K. West, Gen.

Charles P. Hancock, Capt.-Gen.

Daniel S. Bloom, P. E. C., Treas. John W. Farnsworth, P. E. C.,

Rec., Danville, Penna.

Knighted, 6 ; suspended, 2. Present membership, 71.

ROSE CROIX COMMANDERY, No. 38.

*Titusville, Crawford County.**First Wednesday.*

EDMUND R. YOUNG, Eminent Commander.

Reuben E. Taft, Gen.

John S. Bradley, Capt.-Gen.

Henry Kehr, Treas.

Joseph J. McCrum, P. E. C.,

Rec., Titusville, Penna.

Knighted, 3 ; suspended, 3. Present membership, 37.

PRINCE OF PEACE COMMANDERY, No. 39.

*Ashland, Schuylkill County.**Fourth Thursday.*

J. WALTER PRICE, Eminent Commander.

Rev. Robert O'Boyle, Gen. Frank L. Buck, Capt.-Gen.

Albert L. Laubenstein, P.E.C., Wm. Albert Philips, P. E. C.,
Treas. Rec., Ashland, Penna.

Knighted, 1; resigned, 28; died, 3; suspended, 1. Present membership, 47.

DIED.—John J. Davis, John H. Adams, John A. Grant.

KNAPP COMMANDERY, No. 40.

*Ridgway, Elk County.**Fourth Thursday.*

FRED. H. ELY, Eminent Commander.

John G. Whitmore, Gen. Alonzo M. Ent, Capt.-Gen.

Frank C. Ely, P. E. C., Treas. George L. McCracken, Rec.,
Ridgway, Penna.

Knighted, 14; admitted, 1; resigned, 1; suspended, 5. Present membership, 132.

CONSTANTINE COMMANDERY, No. 41.

Pottsville, Schuylkill County. Wednesday, on or before Full Moon.

C. GEORGE MILLER, Eminent Commander.

James R. Henderson, Gen. William S. Thomas, Capt.-Gen.

David H. Seibert, P. E. C., Henry P. Lauer, Rec.,
Treas. Pottsville, Penna.

Knighted, 4; admitted, 2; resigned, 1; died, 1; suspended, 2. Present membership, 97.

DIED.—Clayton H. Reist.

READING COMMANDERY, No. 42.

*Reading, Berks County.**Second Friday.*

OSCAR B. WETHERHOLD, Eminent Commander.

William H. Kessler, Gen. Samuel E. Nies, Capt.-Gen.

Lewis Dauth, Treas. John B. Renninger, P. E. C.,
Rec., Lock Box 324, Reading, Penna.

Knighted, 33; admitted, 5; resigned, 3; died, 7; suspended, 8. Present membership, 352.

DIED.—George P. Zieber, Joseph Kemp, Solomon S. Kindt, Lawrence Fix, Justus H. Scheetz, Eli Slegel, Edward G. Fisher.

TALBOT COMMANDERY, No. 43.

*Oil City, Venango County.**First Monday.*

CHARLES H. LAY, JR., Eminent Commander.

Clarence W. Coulter, Gen.

Henry Fritz, Capt.-Gen.

Samuel H. Lamberton, Treas.

Henry C. Goldsborough, Rec.,
Oil City, Penna.

Knighted, 12; admitted, 3; resigned, 1; suspended, 2. Present membership, 86.

FRANKLIN COMMANDERY, No. 44.

*Franklin, Venango County.**Fourth Tuesday.*

EDWARD FULLER, Eminent Commander.

Howard H. Porterfield, Gen.

Frederick B. Black, Capt.-Gen.

Washington D. Doyle, P. E. C.,
Treas.Charles D. Elliott, Rec.,
Franklin, Penna.

Knighted, 6; died, 1. Present membership, 92.

DIED.—Charles A. Myers.

DIEU LE VEUT COMMANDERY, No. 45.

*Wilkesbarre, Luzerne County.**Fourth Monday.*

FRANK L. BROWN, Eminent Commander.

Frank Deitrick, Gen.

Warren R. Bowman, Capt.-Gen.

George H. Flanagan, Treas.

Elliott R. Morgan, P. E. C.,

Rec.,
Kingston, Penna.

Knighted, 26; resigned, 1; died, 1. Present membership, 177.

DIED.—Joseph C. Tyrrell.

HOSPITALER COMMANDERY, No. 46.

*Lock Haven, Clinton County.**Fourth Thursday.*

KIMBALL D. BATCHELER, Eminent Commander.

William F. Elliot, Gen.

John D. Tinsley, Capt.-Gen.

George W. Mason, P. E. C.,
Treas.

John T. Beardsley, P. E. C.,

Rec.,
Box 877, Lock Haven, Penna.

Knighted, 6; admitted, 1; died, 2; suspended, 8. Present membership, 80.

DIED.—Henry Oechler, Franklin M. Ross.

ST. ALBAN COMMANDERY, No. 47.

*Philadelphia.**Fourth Tuesday.*

FRANCIS H. HEMPERLEY, Eminent Commander.

A. G. Criswell Smith, Gen. Alfred J. Wilkinson, Capt.-Gen.
 William W. Allen, P. G. C., James McGarvey, Rec.,
 Treas. 1837 Christian Street, Philadelphia.

Knighted, 15 ; admitted, 3 ; resigned, 4 ; died, 3 ; suspended,
 12. Present membership, 426.

DIED.—William A. Piper, James A. Bartlett, Henry Spang
 Leech.

TANCRED COMMANDERY, No. 48.

*Pittsburgh, Allegheny County.**Fourth Monday.*

JOHN T. CUNNINGHAM, Eminent Commander.

George T. Ghriest, Gen. Samuel W. Hill, Capt.-Gen.
 Americus V. Holmes, P. E. C., Alfred S. Bishop, P. E. C., Rec.,
 Treas. Box 654, Pittsburgh, Penna.

Knighted, 24 ; admitted, 3 ; resigned, 1 ; died, 8 ; suspended, 7.
 Present membership, 489.

DIED.—John S. Elwood, Webster Gray, William D. Philips,
 James J. Davison, David A. Stevenson, Samuel G. Maxwell,
 Andrew J. Peake, Hamilton R. Barnes.

UNIONTOWN COMMANDERY, No. 49.

*Uniontown, Fayette County.**Third Thursday.*

LUKE H. FRASHER, Eminent Commander.

John D. Carr, Gen. Henry F. Detwiler, Capt.-Gen.
 William Hunt, P. E. C., Treas. Levi S. Gaddis, P. E. C., Rec.,
 Uniontown, Penna.

Knighted, 6. Present membership, 92.

REBECCA COMMANDERY, No. 50.

*Sharon, Mercer County.**Fourth Friday.*

GEORGE A. BAIRD, Eminent Commander.

Frederick W. Koehler, Gen. Gottlieb F. Fischer, Capt.-Gen.
 George L. Williams, P. E. C., John Murchie, P. E. C., Rec.,
 Treas. Sharon, Penna.

Knighted, 1 ; admitted, 1 ; died, 1. Present membership, 99.

DIED.—Elish Griswold, M. D.

CLARENCE COMMANDERY, No. 51.

*Corry, Erie County.**Second Tuesday.*

JEROME HYATT, Eminent Commander.

Fred Stanford, Gen.

James P. Edwards, Capt.-Gen.

Manly Crosby, Treas.

Orlando P. Eaton, Rec.,

Corry, Penna.

Knighted, 1 ; resigned, 1. Present membership, 65.

CORINTHIAN "CHASSEUR" COMMANDERY, No. 53.

*Philadelphia.**Third Monday.*

HENRY Z. ZIEGLER, Eminent Commander.

Henry G. Bruner, Gen.

Alfred Weldon, Capt.-Gen.

Oliver S. Hemphill, P. E. C.,
Treas.Charles Cary, P. E. C., Rec.,
Masonic Temple, Phila.Knighted, 23 ; admitted, 2 ; resigned, 7 ; died, 5 ; suspended,
5. Present membership, 473.DIED.—James G. MacKinney, James Mundell, William
Clark, Robert E. Granlees, Henry S. Gross.

KENSINGTON COMMANDERY, No. 54.

*Philadelphia.**Second Monday.*

WILLIAM H. ZIEGLER, Eminent Commander.

Edwin S. Titus, Gen.

Joseph Crockett, Capt.-Gen.

Stephen C. Fraley, P. E. C.,
Treas.William M. Neisser, Rec.,
608 Chestnut St., Phila.

Knighted, 6 ; died, 4 ; suspended, 3. Present membership, 171.

DIED.—Harry B. Tull, Jacob Link, John S. Riehl, Henry
Specht.

CENTENNIAL COMMANDERY, No. 55.

*Coatesville, Chester County.**Third Wednesday.*

WILLIAM L. MEGUIGAN, Eminent Commander.

John W. Riday, Gen.

David H. Weaver, Capt.-Gen.

Enos T. Harley, Treas.

Ezra P. Dickinson, P. E. C.,

Rec.,

Coatesville, Penna.

Knighted, 3. Present membership, 40.

CONTINENTAL COMMANDERY, No. 56.

*Chambersburg, Franklin County.**Second Tuesday.*

JOHN C. GERBIG, Eminent Commander.

John K. Britton, Gen.

Garnet Gehr, Capt.-Gen.

Adam Lohman, Treas.

Allan C. McGrath, Rec.,

Chambersburg, Penna.

Knighthed, 2 ; died, 1. Present membership, 44.

DIED.—Wilbur F. Eyster.

WYOMING VALLEY COMMANDERY, No. 57.

*Pittston, Wyoming County.**Third Friday.*

V. MURRAY CARPENTER, Eminent Commander.

James Ryan, Gen.

W. Oscar Walborn, Capt.-Gen.

Alexander McDougall, P. E. C., T. Wilbur Kyte, Rec.,
Treas.

Pittston, Penna.

Knighthed, 2 ; suspended, 1. Present membership, 57.

TRINITY COMMANDERY, No. 58.

*Bradford, McKean County.**Second Thursday.*

WILLIAM P. ECKELS, Eminent Commander.

Edward A. Boyne, Gen.

Charles Delevan Buss, Capt.-
Gen.Charles L. Wheeler, P. E. C., Charles P. McAllister, Rec.,
Treas.

Bradford, Penna.

Knighthed, 15 ; admitted, 3 ; resigned, 2 ; died, 3 ; suspended,
11. Present membership, 191.**DIED.—James E. Blair, Norman J. Stanton, Lester B. Brown.**

ASCALON COMMANDERY, No. 59.

*Pittsburgh, Allegheny County.**Third Friday.*

TIMON W. JONES, Eminent Commander.

Charles F. Foster, Gen.

John H. Armstrong, Capt.-Gen.

D. Gale French, P. E. C.,
Treas.

Robert H. McCreery, Rec.,

Box 852, Pittsburgh, Penna.

Knighthed, 18 ; admitted, 1 ; died, 3 ; suspended, 5. Present
membership, 177.**DIED.—Achille D. Thomas, James Z. Andre, John Kirker.**

TEMPLE COMMANDERY, No. 60.

*Tunkhannock, Wyoming County. Second Monday after Monday
on or before Full Moon.*

ROBERT W. BANNATYNE, Eminent Commander.

George S. Baldwin, Gen.	Dexter W. Stark, Capt.-Gen.
James W. Piatt, P. E. C.,	Bradley W. Lewis, P. E. C.,
Treas.	Rec., Tunkhannock, Penna.

Knighted, 1; resigned, 1; died, 1; suspended, 2. Present membership, 52.

DIED.—P. Edward Brush.

ORIENTAL COMMANDERY, No. 61.

Johnstown, Cambria County. Third Thursday.

GEORGE W. WAGONER, Eminent Commander.

John Pendry, Jr., Gen.	George W. Thompson, Capt.-Gen.
Alexander Hamilton, Treas.	Charles C. Wehn, P. E. C.,
	Rec., Johnstown, Penna.

Knighted, 5; died, 1. Present membership, 67.

DIED.—James McMillen.

LAWRENCE COMMANDERY, No. 62.

New Castle, Lawrence County. Second Tuesday.

EDGAR E. SEAVY, Eminent Commander.

Herbert D. McGown, Gen.	Charles P. Shaw, Capt.-Gen.
De Los Pierce, Treas.	Harry K. Gregory, Rec.,
	New Castle, Penna.

Knighted, 7; resigned, 1; suspended, 3. Present membership, 70.

WARREN COMMANDERY, No. 63.

Warren, Warren County. Fourth Monday.

W. L. MACGOWAN, Eminent Commander.

W. H. Davis, Gen.	D. F. A. Wheelock, Capt.-Gen.
Robert H. Lynn, P. E. C.,	Willis Cowan, Rec.,
Treas.	Warren, Penna.

Knighted, 3; admitted, 5; resigned, 1; died, 3. Present membership, 100.

DIED.—Edward E. Parshall, John Hunter, Francis A. Lyte.

CANTON COMMANDERY, No. 64.

*Canton, Bradford County.**Tuesday after Full Moon.*

JUDSON W. STONE, Eminent Commander.

William C. Crippen, Gen.

Liston Bliss, Capt.-Gen.

Theodore Prine, Treas.

Charles E. Riggs, Rec.,

Canton, Penna.

Knighted, 1 ; suspended, 3. Present membership, 52.

HUNTINGDON COMMANDERY, No. 65.

*Huntingdon, Huntingdon County.**Fourth Monday.*

WILLIAM L. JOHNSTON, Eminent Commander.

James R. Patton, Gen.

Josiah C. Hall, Capt.-Gen.

Benjamin F. Isenberg, Treas.

Harry W. Read, P. E. C., Rec.,
Huntingdon, Penna.

Knighted, 1 ; admitted, 1 ; resigned, 1 ; suspended, 1. Present membership, 60.

CHESTER COMMANDERY, No. 66.

*Chester, Delaware County.**Second Tuesday.*

EDWARD NOTHNAGLE, Eminent Commander.

Joseph A. J. Compton, Gen.

Robert J. Knott, Capt.-Gen.

Harry E. Bloom, Treas.

William H. Call, Rec.,

Chester, Penna.

Knighted, 3 ; resigned, 2 ; died, 2 ; suspended, 7. Present membership, 94.

DIED.—Josiah C. Ross, Benjamin D. Ayars, Jr.

MOUNT CALVARY COMMANDERY, No. 67.

*Greenville, Mercer County.**First Thursday.*

JOSEPH P. DICKEY, Eminent Commander.

Thomas C. Gibson, Gen.

Cyrus J. Achre, Capt.-Gen.

Fayette Herrick, Treas.

Orson A. Carlin, Rec.,

Greenville, Penna.

Knighted, 6 ; resigned, 1 ; died, 1. Present membership, 74.

DIED.—Calvin M. Pettit.

MELITA COMMANDERY, No. 68.

*Scranton, Lackawanna County.**Second Thursday.*

CHARLES S. SEAMANS, Eminent Commander.

Judson B. Woolsey, Gen.

James S. Porteus, Capt.-Gen.

Joseph Alexander, Jr., P. G. C., Alfred H. Shopland, Rec.,
Treas.

Scranton, Penna.

Knighted, 10 ; admitted, 1 ; died, 2. Present membership, 76.

DIED.—George Broome, Frederick T. Cash.

POTTER COMMANDERY, No. 69.

*Coudersport, Potter County.**Third Tuesday.*

SANFORD H. LEWIS, Eminent Commander.

Milton J. Potter, Gen.

Homer K. Lane, Capt.-Gen.

James L. Knox, P. E. C.,
Treas.

Nelson H. Goodsell, Rec.,

Coudersport, Penna.

Knighted, 3 ; resigned, 1 ; died, 1 ; suspended, 3. Present membership, 94.

DIED.—Charles S. Floyd.

PENNSYLVANIA COMMANDERY, No. 70.

*Philadelphia.**Fourth Wednesday.*

HARRY M. RUSSELL, Eminent Commander.

Walter Scott, Gen.

Peter V. Guerry, Capt.-Gen.

William Weber, Treas.

George M. D. Apple, Rec.,

415 Wilkey St., Phila.

Knighted, 10 ; admitted, 2 ; resigned, 6 ; died, 2 ; suspended, 12. Present membership, 256.

DIED.—Edwin Chinnick, Julius Mueller.

NATIVITY COMMANDERY, No. 71.

*Pottstown, Montgomery County.**Fourth Tuesday.*

MARTIN B. COOKEROW, Eminent Commander.

Jacob S. Bahr, Gen.

Augustus B. Miller, Capt.-Gen.

Peter L. Egolf, Treas.

Newton S. Kinzer, Rec.,

Pottstown, Penna.

Knighted, 3 ; admitted, 1 ; suspended, 3. Present membership, 87.

DUQUESNE COMMANDERY, No. 72.

*Pittsburgh, Allegheny County.**Fourth Thursday.*

CHARLES M. BARTHBERGER, Eminent Commander.

Robert B. Ward, Gen.

Samuel W. Jefferis, Capt.-Gen.

William H. Devore, P. E. C.,
Treas.William J. Carson, P. E. C., Rec.,
6200 Walnut St., E. E., Pittsburgh, Penna.Knighted, 15; admitted, 1; resigned, 2; died, 2; suspended,
2. Present membership, 124.**DIED.—Henry B. Pepper, John W. King.**

MOUNT VERNON COMMANDERY, No. 73.

*Hazleton, Luzerne County.**Wednesday, on or after Full Moon.*

JEREMIAH MCAVOY, Eminent Commander.

Thomas A. Harris, Gen.

Hiram P. Kuntz, Capt.-Gen.

William Glover, Sr., Treas.

Charles A. Smith, P. E. C.,
Rec.,

Hazleton, Penna.

Died, 1. Present membership, 47.

DIED.—Reuben Beisel.

MOSHANNON COMMANDERY, No. 74.

*Philipsburg, Centre County.**Fourth Friday.*

WILLIAM F. HOLT, Eminent Commander.

Thomas J. Lee, Gen.

Franklin G. Harris, Capt.-Gen.

Chester Munson, Treas.

James H. Munson, P. E. C.,
Rec.,

Philipsburg, Penna.

Knighted, 9; resigned, 1; died, 1. Present membership, 81.

DIED.—John Irvin.

GETHSEMANE COMMANDERY, No. 75.

*York, York County.**Friday after First Monday.*

N. SARGENT ROSS, Eminent Commander.

Charles I. Nes, Gen.

J. Frank Small, Capt.-Gen.

Alexander E. McClean, Treas.

Samuel J. Rouse, P. E. C., Rec.,
York, Penna.

Present membership, 26.

ST. ANDREW'S COMMANDERY, No. 76.

*Susquehanna, Susquehanna County.**Third Friday.*

HOMER E. SPENCER, Eminent Commander.

Henry F. Mauzer, Gen.

Charles Sabin, Capt.-Gen.

Charles A. Miller, Treas.

John G. Brewer, P. E. C., Rec.,
Susquehanna, Penna.

Present membership, 53.

SHAMOKIN COMMANDERY, No. 77.

*Shamokin, Northumberland County.**Second Tuesday.*

GEORGE W. ROBERTSON, Eminent Commander.

John F. Osler, Gen.

Christian J. Lessig, Capt.-Gen.

Henry S. Zimmerman, Treas.

John B. Savidge, Rec.,

Shamokin, Penna.

Knights, 20; admitted, 33; died, 1. Present membership, 52.

DIED.—E. C. Hamilton.

HISTORICAL.

Table showing the time and place of holding the Conclaves of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, the Grand Commander elected, etc., and the date of death of those deceased, and Post Office address of those living.

Year	Session and Date	Place of Meeting	Elected Grand Commander	Remarks
1854	Organization, 1757, Grand Lodge, Pa	Philadelphia	Bayse Newcomb, P. G. M.	Died ———, 1856
1854	June 16	"	R. Sterling Wilson, M. E. G. M.	" Feb. 16, 1859
1855	" 8	"	"	"
1856	" 13	"	Anthony E. Stocker, M. E. G. M.	" May 23, 1897
1854	Organization, April 12, Grand Encamp., U. S.	Brownsville	William W. Wilson	" Dec. 1, 1865
1854	June 13	Pittsburgh	"	"
1855	1	"	Charles F. Blumenthal	" Oct. 11, 1883
1855	2	"	William W. Wilson	" Dec. 1, 1865
1856	3	"	"	"
1857	Union	Philadelphia	Benjamin Parke	" May 29, 1882
1857	June 22	Harrisburg	A. Jordan Swartz	" July 26, 1865
1858	4	Philadelphia	William H. Allen	" Aug. 29, 1882
1859	5	Altoona	Christian F. Knapp	P. O. Address, Bloomsburg, Pa.
1860	6	Reading	John A. Wright	Died Nov. 2, 1891
1861	7	Pittsburgh	Edmund H. Turner	" July 2, 1896
1862	8	Easton	H. Stanley Goodwin	" Dec. 25, 1892
1863	9	Greensburg	"	"
1864	10	Carlisle	William H. Strickland	" December, 1891
1865	11	Altoona	Robert Piteairn	P. O. Address, Pittsburgh, Pa.
1866	12	Lancaster	*Jeremiah L. Hutehinson	" " Philadelphia, Pa.
1867	13	Pittsburgh	"	"
1867	14	Philadelphia	John Vallerehamp	" Harrisburg, Pa.
1867	Special, Sept. 26	Scranton	James H. Hopkins	" Washington, D. C.
1868	15	Erie	Henry B. McKean	" Washington, D. C.
1869	16	Williamsport	Charles M. Howell	" Lancaster, Pa.
1870	17	Harrisburg	Geter C. Shidle	"
1871	18	Reading	Grant Weidman	Died Jan. 11, 1889
1872	19	Meadville	*John H. Dusenbury	" Nov. 11, 1895
1873	20	Bellefonte	Charles H. Kingston	P. O. Address, Great Bend, Pa.
1874	21	Pittsburgh	Andrew J. Kauffman	Died Feb. 14, 1891
1875	22	Philadelphia	William H. Egle	P. O. Address, Columbia, Pa.
1876	23	Lancaster	Samuel B. Dick	" Harrisburg, Pa.
1877	24	Altoona	John P. S. Gobin	" Meadville, Pa.
1878	25	Allentown	DeWitt C. Carroll	" Lebanon, Pa.
1879	26	Williamsport	George W. Kendrick, Jr.	" Pittsburgh, Pa.
1880	27	Scranton	B. Frank Breneman	" Philadelphia, Pa.
1881	28	Allegheeny	Charles W. Bateheler	" Lancaster, Pa.
1882	29	Lancaster	Edwin G. Martin	Died June 29, 1896
1883	30	Erie	Joseph Alexander, Jr.	" Aug. 30, 1893
1884	31	Allentown	George S. Graham	P. O. Address, Scranton, Pa.
1885	32	Scranton	Lee S. Smith	" Philadelphia, Pa.
1886	33	Philadelphia	William W. Allen	" Pittsburgh, Pa.
1887	34	Pittsburgh	Torrence C. Hipple	" Philadelphia, Pa.
1888	35	Easton	John J. Wadsworth	" Lock Haven, Pa.
1889	36	Lock Haven	Joseph S. Wright	Died May 9, 1893
1890	37	Erie	James H. Coddling	" May 26, 1897
1891	38	Philadelphia	Charles C. Baer	P. O. Address, Towanda, Pa.
1892	39	Wilkes-Barre	Irving P. Wanger	Died March 28, 1894
1893	40	Pittsburgh	"	P. O. Address, Norristown, Pa.
1894	41	Philadelphia	Edward B. Spencer	" " "
1894	Special, June 9	Reading	Samuel S. Yohe	" Philadelphia, Pa.
1895	42	Scranton	Harry M. Van Zandt	" Easton, Pa.
1896	43	Scranton	"	" Harrisburg, Pa.
1897	44	Easton	"	"

*Not at present a member of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania.

Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, from Union, 1857.

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Year	Grand Commander.	Deputy Grand Com.	Gr. Generalissimo.	Gr. Capt.-General.	Grand Prelate.	Grand Sr. Warden.	Grand Jr. Warden.
1857	Wm. W. Wilson.	Benjamin Parke.	A. H. Tippin.	H. H. Frisbie.	A. B. Clark.	J. L. Hutchinson.	Alex. Wishart.
1858	A. Jordan Swartz.	A. Jordan Swartz.	James L. Gore.	C. F. Knapp.	O. H. Tiffany.	Alex. Wishart.	E. H. Turner.
1859	Wm. H. Allen.	Wm. H. Allen.	C. F. Knapp.	J. A. Wright.	B. R. Waugh.	Wm. H. Strickland.	Geo. R. Clark.
1860	Christian F. Knapp.	C. F. Knapp.	John A. Wright.	J. L. Hutchinson.	M. C. Lightner.	E. C. Smeed.	G. B. Schall.
1861	John A. Wright.	John A. Wright.	H. R. Hawman.	E. H. Turner.	W. H. Lecke.	H. S. Goodwin.	C. A. Banvart.
1862	Edmund H. Turner.	E. H. Turner.	W. H. Strickland.	H. D. Lowe.	J. Clarke Hagey.	S. E. Bilger.	Jos. Godfrey.
1863	H. Stanley Goodwin.	Jer. L. Hutchinson.	Robert Pitcairn.	Wm. Chatland.	H. M. Johnson.	E. Cornman.	J. Vallercham.
1864	H. Stanley Goodwin.	Isaac Whittier.	Robert Pitcairn.	Wm. Chatland.	C. M. Howell.	J. H. Hopkins.	H. B. McKean.
1865	Wm. H. Strickland.	W. H. Strickland.	Chas. A. Banvart.	Chas. A. Banvart.	J. R. Dimm.	J. H. Hopkins.	H. B. McKean.
1866	Robert Pitcairn.	Robert Pitcairn.	Chas. A. Banvart.	John Vallercham.	J. R. Dimm.	C. M. Howell.	A. Miller.
1867	Jer. L. Hutchinson.	Jer. L. Hutchinson.	James H. Hopkins.	John Vallercham.	J. R. Dimm.	A. Miller.	F. J. Evans.
1868	John Vallercham.	John Vallercham.	Henry B. McKean.	Henry B. McKean.	R. H. Pattison.	F. J. Evans.	N. Smith.
1869	James H. Hopkins.	James H. Hopkins.	Charles M. Howell.	Charles M. Howell.	J. J. Elsegood.	G. C. Shidle.	G. C. Shidle.
1870	Henry B. McKean.	Henry B. McKean.	Abram Miller.	Geter C. Shidle.	J. R. Dimm.	A. J. Kauffman.	Grant Weidman.
1871	Charles M. Howell.	Charles M. Howell.	F. J. Evans.	F. J. Evans.	Jos. S. Evans.	W. H. Egle.	S. B. Dick.
1872	Geter C. Shidle.	Abram Miller.	John H. Dusenbury.	Nathan Smith.	R. H. Pattison.	S. B. Dick.	J. P. S. Gobin.
1873	Grant Weidman.	Grant Weidman.	Chas. H. Kingston.	Chas. H. Kingston.	R. H. Pattison.	J. P. S. Gobin.	D. W. C. Carroll.
1874	John H. Dusenbury.	John H. Dusenbury.	A. J. Kauffman.	A. J. Kauffman.	R. H. Pattison.	D. W. C. Carroll.	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.
1875	Chas. H. Kingston.	Chas. H. Kingston.	William H. Egle.	William H. Egle.	R. H. Pattison.	B. Frank Breneman.	B. Frank Breneman.
1876	A. J. Kauffman.	A. J. Kauffman.	Samuel B. Dick.	Samuel P. S. Gobin.	Daniel Washburn.	Chas. W. Batchelor.	Chas. W. Batchelor.
1877	William H. Egle.	Samuel B. Dick.	John P. S. Gobin.	John P. S. Gobin.	Daniel Washburn.	Edwin G. Martin.	Jos. Alexander, Jr.
1878	Samuel B. Dick.	John P. S. Gobin.	D. W. C. Carroll.	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	Daniel Washburn.	Jos. Alexander, Jr.	George S. Graham.
1879	John P. S. Gobin.	D. W. C. Carroll.	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	B. Frank Breneman.	A. V. C. Schenck.	Lee S. Smith.	William W. Allen.
1880	D. W. C. Carroll.	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	B. Frank Breneman.	Chas. W. Batchelor.	A. V. C. Schenck.	Torrence C. Hipple.	Torrence C. Hipple.
1881	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	B. Frank Breneman.	Chas. W. Batchelor.	Edwin G. Martin.	A. V. C. Schenck.	John J. Wadsworth.	John J. Wadsworth.
1882	B. Frank Breneman.	Edwin G. Martin.	Jos. Alexander, Jr.	Jos. Alexander, Jr.	John Hewett.	James H. Coddington.	James H. Coddington.
1883	Chas. W. Batchelor.	Jos. Alexander, Jr.	George S. Graham.	Geo. S. Graham.	John Hewett.	Chas. C. Baer.	Charles C. Baer.
1884	Edwin G. Martin.	George S. Graham.	Lee S. Smith.	Lee S. Smith.	John Hewett.	Edward B. Spencer.	Edward B. Spencer.
1885	Jos. Alexander, Jr.	Lee S. Smith.	William W. Allen.	William W. Allen.	W. Henry Platt.	Samuel S. Yohe.	Samuel S. Yohe.
1886	George S. Graham.	Torrence C. Hipple.	Torrence C. Hipple.	Torrence C. Hipple.	W. Henry Platt.	Harry M. VanZandt.	Harry M. VanZandt.
1887	Lee S. Smith.	Torrence C. Hipple.	John J. Wadsworth.	John J. Wadsworth.	W. Henry Platt.	Henry H. Kuhn.	Henry H. Kuhn.
1888	William W. Allen.	John J. Wadsworth.	Jos. S. Wright.	J. H. Coddington.	W. Henry Platt.	James B. Youngson.	James B. Youngson.
1889	Torrence C. Hipple.	Jos. S. Wright.	Chas. C. Baer.	Chas. C. Baer.	W. Henry Platt.	Adam H. Schmehl.	Adam H. Schmehl.
1890	John J. Wadsworth.	J. H. Coddington.	Irving P. Wanger.	Irving P. Wanger.	A. H. Ryan.	Thomas F. Penman.	Thomas F. Penman.
1891	Joseph S. Wright.	Charles C. Baer.	Edward B. Spencer.	Edward B. Spencer.	A. H. Ryan.	Ezra S. Bartlett.	Ezra S. Bartlett.
1892	James H. Coddington.	Irving P. Wanger.	Samuel S. Yohe.	Samuel S. Yohe.	Chas. T. Morgan.		
1893	Chas. C. Baer.	Edward B. Spencer.	Harry M. VanZandt.	Harry M. VanZandt.	Charles M. Stock.		
1894	Irving P. Wanger.	Samuel S. Yohe.	Henry H. Kuhn.	James B. Youngson.	Thomas N. Boyle.		
1895	Edward B. Spencer.	Harry M. VanZandt.	James B. Youngson.	Adam H. Schmehl.	Thomas N. Boyle.		
1896	Samuel S. Yohe.	Henry H. Kuhn.	James B. Youngson.	Adam H. Schmehl.	Thomas N. Boyle.		
1897	Harry M. VanZandt.	Henry H. Kuhn.	James B. Youngson.	Adam H. Schmehl.	Thomas N. Boyle.		
1898							

Grand Officers, Continued.

Year	Grand Treasurer	Grand Recorder	Gr. Stand. Bearer.	Gr. Sword Bearer.	Grand Warder.	Gr. Capt. of the Gd.	Grand Marshal.
1857	A. Culbertson.	Alfred Creigh.	Geo. R. Clarke.	Geo. H. Bull.	W. G. Warden,	H. L. Smith.	No appointment.
1858	"	"	Geo. R. Clarke.	Herbert Thomas.	W. G. Warden.	Step. Orth.	"
1859	"	"	Richard Coulter.	I. McAllister.	H. R. Hawman.	L. M. Scott.	"
1860	"	"	S. Hayden.	George E. Fox.	S. B. Cooper.	J. Benedict.	"
1861	"	"	Wm. Lilly.	Geo. E. Fox.	W. J. Long.	W. R. Terry.	"
1862	Isaac Whittier.	"	Geo. E. Fox.	E. Knapp.	Z. P. Bierer.	J. Hardy.	"
1863	John Edwards.	"	Geo. E. Fox.	E. Knapp.	Z. P. Bierer.	J. M. Westhaeffer.	"
1864	Isaac Whittier.	"	E. Knapp.	Z. P. Bierer.	F. J. Evans.	C. F. Porter.	"
1865	R. A. O. Kerr.	"	E. Knapp.	Z. P. Bierer.	F. J. Evans.	Geo. P. McMillan.	"
1866	"	"	E. B. Young.	J. H. Dusenbury.	F. J. Evans.	S. S. Smith.	"
1867	"	"	S. B. Dick.	W. H. Egle.	Chas. E. Meyer.	J. A. Vanderslice.	"
1868	"	"	Grant Weidman.	J. H. Dusenbury.	C. H. Kingston.	Michael Bender.	"
1869	"	"	D. J. Martin.	J. M. Westhaeffer.	J. L. Young.	C. L. Stowell.	Edward Masson.
1870	M. Richards Muckle.	Charles E. Meyer.	J. A. Smull.	R. A. Packer.	A. Robeno, Jr.	H. C. L. Crecelius.	"
1871	"	"	J. H. Israel.	Edward Masson.	J. P. S. Gobin.	C. Curtin.	No appointment.
1872	"	"	Jesse Orr.	W. H. Egle.	E. P. Kingsbury, Jr.	J. M. Scott.	"
1873	"	"	James Houston.	W. H. Egle.	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	J. F. Quilman.	"
1874	"	"	John J. Heisler.	H. T. Beardsley.	B. F. Breneman.	Henry Geddes.	"
1875	"	"	Wm. C. Hamilton.	Chas. W. Batchelor.	John A. Smull.	William H. Slack,	"
1876	"	"	Theodore Cornman.	Edward Masson.	Geo. V. Maus.	Edwin G. Martin.	"
1877	"	"	John Slingluff.	Jos. M. Selheimer.	William W. Allen.	Frank H. Keller.	"
1878	"	"	Henry S. Stoner.	Lee S. Smith.	Robert E. Patterson.	Edward L. Buck.	"
1879	"	"	William W. Allen.	Torrence C. Hipple.	William N. Viguers.	Nat. P. Ramsey.	Edward Masson.
1880	"	"	George T. Oliver.	William A. Morton.	William N. Viguers.	Joseph H. Simonds.	"
1881	"	"	James H. Murdock.	Frank Mills.	John J. Wadsworth.	Benj. Kauffman.	"
1882	"	"	Augustus F. Shick.	Edward W. Mills.	John C. Kelley.	J. A. Vanderslice.	"
1883	"	"	Ezra H. Ripple.	Charles C. Baer.	Joseph S. Wright.	William H. Ryan.	"
1884	"	"	Edward B. Spencer.	Charles C. Baer.	Irving P. Wauger.	James H. Coddling.	"
1885	"	"	Edward B. Spencer.	Joseph H. Simonds.	John McKain.	John A. Marchand.	"
1886	"	"	H. M. VanZandt.	D. Gale French.	Wm. H. Burkhardt.	Lewis T. Brown.	"
1887	"	"	J. A. Vanderslice.	Samuel W. Wray,	D. B. Else.	Irving P. Wanger.	"
1888	"	"	Frank M. Highley,	S. S. Yohe.	D. B. Else.	Ed. B. Spencer.	"
1889	"	"	J. A. Vanderslice.	F. McSparren.	D. Gale French.	H. Chapman.	"
1890	"	"	J. A. Vanderslice.	A. H. Woodward.	H. M. VanZandt.	F. M. Ross.	"
1891	"	"	Charles L. Tracy.	W. W. Whitman.	W. A. Cochran.	W. H. Senderling.	"
1892	"	"	Wm. H. Burkhardt.	Thos. F. Penman.	Jas. B. Youngson.	Frank H. Platt.	"
1893	"	Mont. H. Smith.	Thaddeus S. Adle.	John C. Owsley.	Hubert D. Judd.	George A. Carsten.	"
1894	Isaac Albertson.	"	Charles Cary.	Ezra S. Bartlett.	Robert P. Mercer.	J. A. Vanderslice.	"
1895	"	"	Pennell C. Evans.	John T. Beardsley.	Edward H. Coane.	J. A. Vanderslice.	"
1896	"	"	Wm. Fox Eckbert, Jr.	John C. Wallace.	Frederick Münch.	Peter Barkey.	"
1897	John Jay Gilroy.	William W. Allen.					
1898							

OFFICERS
OF THE
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Knights Templar of Pennsylvania
1897-1898.

R. E. Grand Commander.

R. E. SIR HARRY M. VAN ZANDT, Harrisburg.

V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.

V. E. SIR HENRY H. KUHN, Johnstown.

E. Grand Generalissimo.

E. SIR JAMES B. YOUNGSON, Pittsburgh.

E. Grand Captain-General.

E. SIR ADAM H. SCHMEHL, Reading.

E. Grand Prelate.

E. SIR AND REV. THOMAS N. BOYLE, Pittsburgh.

E. Grand Senior Warden.

E. SIR THOMAS F. PENMAN, Scranton.

E. Grand Junior Warden.

E. SIR EZRA S. BARTLETT, Philadelphia.

E. Grand Treasurer.

E. SIR JOHN JAY GILROY, Philadelphia.

E. Grand Recorder.

R. E. SIR WILLIAM W. ALLEN, Philadelphia.

E. Grand Standard Bearer.

E. SIR WILLIAM FOX ECKBERT, JR., Lewistown.

E. Grand Sword Bearer.

E. SIR JOHN C. WALLACE, New Castle.

E. Grand Warder.

E. SIR FREDERICK MÜNCH, Philadelphia.

E. Grand Captain of the Guard.

E. SIR PETER BARKEY, Erie.

Grand Marshal.

E. SIR OWEN M. COPELIN, Harrisburg

Herald.

SIR MONROE A. ALTHOUSE, Reading.

